

intake, after three months of instruction and nine months after enrollment using standardized tests of speaking, reading and writing and through a structured interview of literacy practices. Teachers, policymakers and teacher trainers will use the information from the study to develop more effective instruction.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, April 27, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 28, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The University of Mississippi, Triplett Alumni Center, the Butler Auditorium, Alumni Drive, in Oxford, Mississippi 38677.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW., Suite 601, Washington, DC 20202-7582 (202) 708-7439.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of

institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a third-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: promoting program integrity, eliminating or avoiding program complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs, and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes: (a) discussion sessions on implementing the provisions of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and their impact of all Title IV programs in the 21st century, in particular, college cost and student aid, need-based aid vs. merit-based aid; and (b) the impact of distance education on access and new initiatives in early intervention. In addition, the Committee will discuss its plans for the remainder of fiscal year 1999 and address other Committee business. Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at [ADV\\_COMSFA@ED.gov](mailto:ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov) or [Tracy\\_Deanna\\_Jones@ED.gov](mailto:Tracy_Deanna_Jones@ED.gov). Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to

register through Internet, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Friday, April 16, 1999.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, DC on April 27, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m., and on April 28, from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW., Suite 601, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: March 30, 1999.

**Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald,**

*Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 50849-1613-07-82 and 50849-1613-08-82]

### Application for Rescission of a Prohibition Order Issued Pursuant to the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 Montaup Electric Company and Somerset Power LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Montaup Electric Company (Montaup) and Somerset Power LLC (Somerset) have requested that DOE rescind a prohibition order issued for Boiler Nos. 7 and 8 (Unit's 5 and 6, respectively) at Montaup's Somerset Generating Station pursuant to the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 25, 1999, Montaup and Somerset filed a