

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 29, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

William Burrow,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: New

Title: The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: State; local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: Responses: 56.

Burden Hours: 224.

Abstract: The LEAP Program, which was formally known as the State Student Incentive Grant Program, uses matching Federal/State funds to provide a nationwide system of grants to assist postsecondary education students with substantial financial need. On this application the states provide information the Department requires to obligate programs funds and for program management. The signed assurances legally bind the states to administer the program according to regulatory and statutory requirements.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Joseph Schubart at 202-708-9266 or by e-mail at joe_schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

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Dated: September 22, 1999.

William E. Burrow,

*Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Strengthening Institutions Program, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:

Responses: 500.

Burden Hours: 12,485.

Abstract: This information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, the American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and

Universities Program, and the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions Program, authorized under Title II, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the evaluation process to determine which applicants should receive grant funds.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-154-A]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc. (NMEM) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before October 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-

9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 1997, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc.¹ to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer (Order No. EA-154) using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That authorization will expire on October 1, 1999.

On September 21, 1999, NMEM filed an application with FE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-154. NMEM has requested that authorization be issued for a five-year term and that the international transmission facilities of Long Sault, Inc. be added to the list of authorized export points. DOE has provided a 15-day public comment period in response to NMEM's request for expedited processing of this application.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with § 385.211 or § 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the NMEM request to export should be clearly marked with Docket EA-154-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Ms. Robin R. Hope, Energy Transaction Administrator, Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc., 507 Plum Street, Syracuse, NY 13204.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been

¹ Order No. EA-154 was issued to Plum Street Energy Marketing, Inc. On October 28, 1998, Plum Street notified DOE that it had changed its name to Niagara Mohawk Energy Marketing, Inc.

granted in FE Order EA-154. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-154 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 22, 1999.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-507-000]

Amoco Energy Trading Corporation, Amoco Production Company and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company v. El Paso Natural Gas Company; Notice of Complaint

September 22, 1999.

Take notice that on September 21, 1999, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.206), Amoco Energy Trading Corporation and Amoco Production Company (Amoco) and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (Burlington) filed a Section 5 complaint against El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso), requesting the Commission to require El Paso to change the manner in which it allocates firm delivery point capacity on its system.

Specifically, Amoco and Burlington request the Commission to order El Paso to cease and desist selling primary firm delivery point capacity at the Southern California Gas Company/Topock delivery point in excess of the capacity available at that point. Amoco and Burlington request that this complaint be given "Fast Track" processing, pursuant to Rule 206(h).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this filing should file a motion to intervene or protests with the Federal