

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: November 30, 1999.

William Burrow,

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

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Data Collection for the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA).

Frequency: Full-scale study.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 13,200.

Burden Hours: 11,000.

Abstract: PISA will collect policy-oriented and internationally-comparable indicators of student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science at the "end" of secondary school on a timely and regular basis (every three years). For comparability with other education

systems around the world, 15-year-old students will be assessed in the U.S. and comparisons of results will be made with approximately 30 countries.

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, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *OCIO IMG Issues@ed.gov* or should be faxed to (202) 708-9346.

Written comments or questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at 703-426-9692 or electronically at her internet address *Kathy Axt@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.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study 1996-2001 (BPS: 1996/2001).

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 569.

Burden Hours: 224.

Abstract: The Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study Second Follow-Up will continue the series of longitudinal data collection efforts started in 1996 with the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study to enhance knowledge concerning progress and persistence in postsecondary education for new entrants. The study will address issues such as progress, persistence, and completion of postsecondary education programs, entry into the work force, the relationship between experiences during postsecondary education and various societal and personal outcomes, and returns to the individual and to society on the investment in postsecondary education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Sandia

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM-SSAB), Kirtland Area Office (Sandia). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, December 15, 1999: 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (MST).

ADDRESSES: Afro-American Cultural Center, 2900 Broadway Boulevard, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-2340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, MS-0184, Albuquerque, NM 87185, (505) 845-4094.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

5:30-6:15 p.m. DOE Quarterly Update—"Burn Site Cleanups"

6:15-7:15 p.m. Social Pot Luck

7:15-7:30 p.m. Check In—Agenda—Minutes

7:30-7:45 p.m. Public Comment

6:45-8:00 p.m. Celebrate Success—Sandia SSAB review of past year accomplishments

8:00-8:45 p.m. Coordinating council's proposal for Task Groups to address Work Plan 200, Coordinating Council's proposal for Timeline, Discuss field trips and on-site meeting options, Overall Sandia SSAB discussion, amendments if needed, and approval

8:45-9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements

may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mike Zamorski's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Mike Zamorski, Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, MS-0184, Albuquerque, NM 87185, or by calling (505) 845-4094.

Issued at Washington, DC, on December 1, 1999.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; TransCanada Gas Services, a Division of TransCanada Energy Limited; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

[FE Docket No. 99-92-NG]

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice that on November 23, 1999, it issued an order granting TransCanada Gas Services, A Division of TransCanada Energy Limited (TCGS) authorization to import up to 68,463 Mcf of natural gas per day from Canada plus fuel for pipeline transportation. The term of the authorization is from the date of first delivery through October 31, 2006. TCGS will sell the gas to Yankee Gas Services Company, Connecticut's largest natural gas distribution company.

This Order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities Docket Room, 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-0334, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., November 30, 1999.

John W. Glynn,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT00-5-000]

Algonquin LNG, Inc.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 30, 1999.

Take notice that on November 22, 1999, Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, Ninth Revised Sheet No. 200. The proposed effective date of this tariff sheet is December 1, 1999.

ALNG states that the purpose of this filing is to update its Index of Customers as of December 1, 1999.

ALNG states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/>

rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-82-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 30, 1999.

Take notice that on November 24, 1999, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of January 1, 2000:

Twenty-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 31

Fifty-Third Revised Sheet No. 32

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to adopt the GRI surcharges established by Article II, Sections 1.2 through 1.5 of the January 21, 1998, "Stipulation and Agreement Concerning GRI Funding" as approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. RP97-149-003, *et al.* (the GRI Settlement).

CNG further states that the rates established by its filing correspond to those set forth in Appendix A to the GRI Settlement; the unit rate impact on CNG's GRI Adjustment Charge for each affected rate schedule is summarized in CNG's transmittal letter.

CNG states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures have been served upon CNG's customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the