

*Type of Request:* New Collection.  
*Burden:* 28.2 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 187 responses.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of 30 minutes to gather, prepare, and submit petitions to waive rules and requests, demands, or subpoenas for employee testimony or production of documents. It is also estimated to take 30 minutes to report unauthorized testimony and possible cases for indemnification to the Office of General Counsel. Additionally, the USPTO estimates that it takes an average of five minutes to ensure that a service of process has been properly served and ten minutes to ensure that the service of process or demands for employee testimony or documentation are forwarded to the proper authorities. Furthermore, it is estimated that it takes an average of one hour to request indemnification and to gather, prepare, and submit a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information supports a proposed rulemaking entitled "Legal Processes." This information collection covers the public and current and former USPTO employees. The USPTO believes that the number of responses received from both current and former employees will be very small. The number of responses from the public is also expected to be very small except for the service of process. In the case of service of process, the principal effect of the rule is to provide an address for service. There are no forms associated with any of the information requirements contained in this collection. The public and current or former USPTO employees use this information collection as appropriate to petition the General Counsel to either waive or suspend a rule; to forward or receive summons; to seek testimony or documentation; to request employee indemnification; to report unauthorized testimony or possible indemnification cases; and to file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act. The USPTO uses the collected information to ensure that the proper procedures have been followed. The USPTO also uses this information to ensure that the release of testimony or documentation is authorized; to review the demands and claims filed; to determine whether the legal process rules can be suspended; to grant indemnification; and to determine whether the agency should settle or deny a claim filed under the Federal Torts Claim Act.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms,

Federal government, and state, local or tribal government.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan Brown, Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Park 3, 3rd Floor, Suite 310, Washington, DC, 20231, by phone at (703) 308-7400, or via the Internet at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 11, 2000.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.250B]

### Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians With Disabilities; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

*Purpose of Program:* To provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choices, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment, including self-employment, telecommuting, or business ownership.

*Eligible Applicants:* Applications may be submitted only by the governing bodies of Indian tribes (and consortia of those governing bodies) located on Federal or State reservations.

*Applications Available:* December 21, 2000.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* June 21, 2001.

*Estimated Available Funds:* \$1,525,135.

The Administration has requested \$23,998,000 for this program for FY 2001. The actual level of funding, if any,

depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the fiscal year, if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

*Estimated Range of Awards:* \$250,000-\$350,000.

*Estimated Average Size of Awards:* \$300,000.

*Reasonable Accommodations:* We will consider, and may fund, requests for additional funding as an addendum to an application to reflect the costs of reasonable accommodations necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to be employed on the project as personnel on project activities.

*Estimated Number of Awards:* 5.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

*Project Period:* Up to 60 months.

*Applicable Regulations:* (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 75, 77, 80, 81, and 82; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR part 371.

*Priority:* Under section 121(b)(4) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, we give preference to applications that meet the following competitive priority. Under 34 CFR 74.105(c)(2)(i) we award 10 points to an application that meets this competitive priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria:

*Competitive Preference Priority—Continuation of Previously Funded Tribal Programs:* In making new awards under this program, we give priority consideration to applications for the continuation of tribal programs that have been funded under this program.

*Selection Criteria:* In evaluating an application for a new grant under this competition, we use selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for this competition will be provided in the application package for this competition.

*For Applications Contact:* Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov)

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this

competition as follows: CFDA number 84.250B.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8351. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Pamela Martin or Suzanne Tillman, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3314, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2650. Telephone (202) 205-8494 or (202) 205-8303. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (*e.g.*, Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact persons listed in the preceding paragraph.

*Electronic Access to This Document:* You may view this document, as well as all other Department of Education documents published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at either of the following sites:

<http://ocfo.ed.gov/fedreg.htm>

<http://www.ed.gov/news.html>

To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at either of the previous sites. If you have questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington, DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

**Note:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available on GPO Access at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/index.html>

**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 773(b).

Dated: December 15, 2000.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER01-644-000]

**Allegheny Energy Service Corporation, on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company, and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power); Notice of Filing**

December 15, 2000.

Take notice that on December 11, 2000, Allegheny Energy Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power), filed Service Agreement No. 333 to add Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC to Allegheny Power's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff.

The proposed effective date under the agreement is January 1, 2001.

Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rule of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before January 2, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER01-645-000]

**Allegheny Energy Service Corporation, on Behalf of Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company, and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power); Notice of Filing**

December 15, 2000.

Take notice that on December 11, 2000, Allegheny Energy Service Corporation on behalf of Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (Allegheny Power), filed Service Agreement No. 332 to add FirstEnergy Services Corp. to Allegheny Power's Open Access Transmission Service Tariff.

The proposed effective date under the agreement is January 1, 2001.

Copies of the filing have been provided to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before January 2, 2001. 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. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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