

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

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

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

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by July 3, 2001. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 25, 2001.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs

Type of Review: New.

Title: Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application and Forgiveness Forbearance Forms.

Abstract: The Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application is used to determine whether borrowers meet the eligibility requirements for the Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program. This is a demonstration program administered on a first-come, first-serve basis (subject to the availability of funds). It is intended to bring more highly trained individuals into the early child care field for longer periods. Under the program, individuals who work full-time in certain child care facilities that serve low-income families and meet other qualifications may be eligible to have up to 100% of their Direct Loan and/or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program loan forgiven. The Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Forbearance Form is required to comply with program guidance that provides forbearance for child care providers and to determine the child care providers eligibility for forbearance.

Additional Information: Appropriations were only funded this January for these benefits which are meant to enhance the child care field. Funds must be obligated by the end of September, hence the need for this emergency clearance time schedule.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,790.

Burden Hours: 385.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, 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.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address 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 ENERGY**Golden Field Office; State Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Activities**

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation for Competitive Financial Assistance Applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing a competitive solicitation, DE-PS36-01GO90012, for applications for cooperative agreements with States to pursue energy efficiency and renewable energy activities which include, but are not limited to conducting or managing: (1) Resource, technology, and marketing assessments, program evaluation and management; (2) Equipment loan programs; (3) Workshops, conferences, or stakeholder meetings; (4) On-site technology evaluations, economic and feasibility studies for site specific technologies, environmental analysis of projects and actions to overcome developmental barriers to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) energy technologies; (5) Brochures, manuals, publications, web-based outreach, video presentations, fact sheets, press releases; (6) Media events, marketing and promotional events, exhibit booths, distribution of materials; (7) Demonstration projects and state-level stakeholder coordination.

DATES: The solicitation will be issued in May 2001. The formal solicitation document, which includes greater detail on application instructions, due dates and evaluation criteria, will be available on the Golden Field Office website.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation once it is issued, interested parties must access the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.golden.doe.gov/businessopportunities.html>, click on "Solicitations." And then locate the solicitation number identified above. DOE does not intend to issue written copies of the solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Barron, Contracting Officer, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or facsimile to (303) 275-4788, or electronically to matt_barron@nrel.gov. Responses to questions will be made by Amendment and posted on the DOE Golden Field Office Home Page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of this solicitation is to award cooperative agreements to State Energy Offices that will support deploying projects under the following DOE energy technology initiatives (this list of EERE programs is not all inclusive): (1) Wind Energy; (2) Geothermal Energy; (3) Biomass Energy; (4) Distributed Energy Resources (DER); (5) Solar Energy; (6) Community Energy Partnerships; (7) Federal Energy Management; (8) Residential Energy Savings Program; (9) Alternative Transportation Fuels Program; (10) Industrial Energy Program.

Proposals will be subject to the objective merit review procedures for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. Eligibility for this assistance is restricted to Governor-designated State Energy Offices. For individual projects subsequently awarded, selected applicants may enter teaming or partnership agreements with industry, DOE national laboratories, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations and Native American organizations.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 22, 2001.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Federal Energy Management Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting correction.

On May 15, 2001, the Department of Energy published a notice of open meeting announcing a meeting of the Federal Energy Management Advisory Committee 66 FR 26846. In that notice, the second session was scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m.. Today's notice is announcing that the second session will begin at 5 p.m. and adjourn at 7 p.m.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 29, 2001.

Belinda G. Hood,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP01-366-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Filing

May 25, 2001.

Take notice that on May 16, 2001, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-0146, filed in Docket No. CP01-366-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and the Commission's Rules and Regulations for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Columbia to abandon by sale certain natural gas facilities, designated as the CHEWP System, located in West Virginia and Pennsylvania (facilities) and abandonment authorization for the various services provided through the facilities to be sold. Further, Columbia requests that the Commission determine the facilities be exempt from Commission jurisdiction, except in those limited cases where incidental deliveries will be made by the buyer to certain Local Distribution Companies (LDC's), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Columbia states that the facilities have been offered for sale by public auction. Additionally, Columbia states that the sale of the facilities will be conditioned on the buyer's continued service to the current customers under items acceptable to both the buyer and the customers. As a result of this condition, Columbia contends that there will be no material change to, or interruption in, the services currently

being provided through the facilities. Columbia is not proposing any construction or facility removal in connection with the proposed abandonment. Columbia states that it will require the buyer to install custody transfer meters at or near points of interconnection between Columbia's facilities to be retained and those being sold.

Columbia states that upon sale and transfer of the facilities to the buyer, the facilities will, among other things, continue to be used for incidental delivery of gas to LDC customers currently receiving service through the facilities. Under the present operating conditions, locally produced gas is received into the facilities and transported to Columbia's mainline transmission system. The facilities are also used to provide service to the LDCs, as well as mainline tap customers. At current production rates, Columbia states that the gas supply in certain parts of the system is insufficient to meet the demand, especially during periods of high demand, such as winter heating season. In order to maintain service to those customers, Columbia states that it backflows gas from its main transmission system into the facilities to satisfy any gas shortfalls. Columbia notes that it is not requesting that the Commission issue a limited jurisdiction certificate authorizing the buyer's incidental use of the facilities, but that it believes such a certificate may be required by the buyer to continue such deliveries. Therefore, Columbia is providing such information to familiarize the Commission with the operation of the facilities in anticipation that the buyer will file an application for such an order.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before June 15, 2001, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to V.J. Hamilton, Certificate Coordinator, Columbia Gas