

automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:

1. Print ED 424 from e-Application.
2. The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
3. Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.
4. Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at (202) 260-1349.

- We may request that you give us original signatures on other forms at a later date.

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability: If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for Demonstration and Training Programs—Braille Training Program and you are prevented from submitting your application on the application deadline date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if—

1. You are a registered user of e-Application, and you have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and
2. (a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time, on the application deadline date; or
(b) The e-Application system is unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC, time) on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the persons listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** (see VII. Agency Contacts) or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for Demonstration and Training Programs—Braille Training Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

V. Application Review Information

Selection Criteria: The selection criteria for this program are in the application package.

VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN). We may also notify you informally.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant.

3. Reporting: At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as specified by the Secretary in 34 CFR 74.51 and in 34 CFR 75.118.

4. Performance Measures: All grantees will submit an annual performance report documenting their evaluation findings, as required by section 303(d)(2)(C) of the Act. This report must describe whether they were successful in increasing the knowledge and use of braille for program participants. For example, reports could include the number of participants who successfully completed a college-level or advanced-level Braille course, achieved demonstrated competence in reading and writing Braille (*i.e.*, certificate of completion of a program of self-study or training module that will lead to successful completion of the National Literary Braille Competency Test offered by the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped), successfully completed in-service training activities leading to achievement of agency or State qualifications or standards of competency in Braille reading, writing, and technology for rehabilitation or education professionals, or demonstrated increased knowledge of

Braille through pre- and post-measures or other appropriate measures.

VII. Agency Contacts

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa DeVaughn or Alfreda Reeves, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3316, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2650. Telephone: for Theresa DeVaughn (202) 205-5392; for Alfreda Reeves (202) 205-9361.

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 program contact persons listed in this section.

VIII. Other Information

Electronic Access to This Document: You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at the following site: www.ed.gov/news/fedregister. To use PDF you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. 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 www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html.

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Troy R. Justesen,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, is seeking comment on a proposed three-year extension with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of an

information collection package concerning litigation and other legal expenses incurred by its site and facility management contractors. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 11, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Anne Broker, GC-12, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Dispute Resolution, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-0325 or by e-mail at anne.broker@hq.doe.gov and to Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division, IM-11/Germantown Bldg., Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at susan.frey@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Anne Broker at 202-586-5060 (anne.broker@hq.doe.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5115; (2) Package Title: Contractor Legal Management Requirements; (3) Type of Review: Renewal; (4) Purpose: The collection of this information continues to be necessary to provide a basis for DOE decisions on requests, from applicable contractors, for reimbursement of litigation and other legal expenses.; (5) Respondents: 36; (6) Estimated Number of Burden Hours: The burden hours for this collection are estimated to be approximately 465 to 570 hours on an annual basis. This

estimate is based on the estimate that preparation of the initial plan is 15-30 hours and that no more than 20% of the 36 contractors will need to submit a legal management plan in any given year. The estimate for the total also includes an estimate of the approximately 10 hours for an annual budgetary update, which would be submitted by all contractors.

Statutory Authority: These requirements are promulgated under authority in section 161 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2201; the Department of Energy Organization Act, 42 U.S.C. 7101, *et seq.*; and the National Nuclear Security Administration Act, 50 U.S.C. 2401, *et seq.*

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Susan L. Frey,

*Director, Records Management Division,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC04-71-000, et al.]

National Energy Gas Transmission, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

March 5, 2004.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

1. National Energy & Gas Transmission, Inc. and its Public Utility Subsidiaries

[Docket No. EC04-71-000]

Take notice that on March 4, 2004, National Energy & Gas Transmission, Inc., (NEGT) along with its jurisdictional public utility subsidiaries, tendered for filing with the Commission an application pursuant to section 203 of the Federal Power Act for authorization to implement a proposed plan of reorganization filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland (Greenbelt Division) all as more fully described in the Application. NEGT states that the Applicants have requested a shortened comment period and expeditious Commission approval.

Comment Date: March 25, 2004.

2. Access Energy Cooperative

[Docket No. ES04-15-000]

Take notice that on March 2, 2003, Access Energy Cooperative (AEC)

submitted an application pursuant to section 204 of the Federal Power Act seeking authorization to: (1) Make a long-term borrowing in an amount equal to \$450,000 under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (RED Loan) for the benefit of the Riverside Paper Corporation; and (2) enter into a letter of credit issued by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation in the amount of \$562,500 to secure the RED Loan.

AEC also requests a waiver from the Commission's competitive bidding and negotiated placement requirements at 18 CFR 34.2.

Comment Date: March 19, 2003.

Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file 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). 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. Protests and interventions 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 under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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