

Dated: October 28, 2004.

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### Office of the Undersecretary

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Flexing Federal Dollars Study.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 600.

Burden Hours: 300.

*Abstract:* To evaluate how school districts are using the provisions for enhanced flexibility over the use of Federal education funds authorized under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2640. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view.

Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Katrina Ingalls at her e-mail address [Katrina.Ingalls@ed.gov](mailto:Katrina.Ingalls@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

### National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting and closed meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the

Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at [Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov](mailto:Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov) no later than November 5, 2004. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** November 18–November 20, 2004.

### Times

#### November 18

#### Committee Meetings

*Assessment Development Committee:*

Closed session—12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.;

*Reporting and Dissemination*

*Committee:* Open session—12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.;

*Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP 12th*

*Grade Participation:* Open session—2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

*Executive Committee:* Open session—4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed session 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### November 19

*Full Board:* Open session—8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

#### Committee Meetings

*Assessment Development Committee:* Open session—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.;

*Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology:* Open session—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.;

*Reporting and Dissemination*

*Committee:* Open session—10 a.m. to 12 p.m.;

#### November 20

*Full Board:* Open session—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Location:* Park Hyatt Washington, 1201 24th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National

Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session on November 18 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to review secure test items for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2009 Reading Assessment. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as disclosure of proposed test items from the NAEP assessments would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On November 18, the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet in open session from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP 12th Grade Participation and Motivation will meet in open session from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet in open session on November 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The committee will then meet in closed session from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. to discuss independent government cost estimates for contracts related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program and will provide an advantage to potential bidders attending the meeting. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On November 19, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The Board will approve the agenda and the Chairman will introduce new Board members, who will then be administered the Oath of Office. The Board will then hear the Executive Director's report and receive an update on the work of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from the Commissioner of NCES, Robert Lerner.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on November 19, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology;

and the Reporting and Dissemination Committees—will meet in open session.

From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Board members will receive a briefing from State NAEP Coordinators on their NAEP roles and on the use of NAEP data. This will be followed by Board discussion on NAEP Reporting Guidelines led by the Chair of the Reporting and Dissemination Committee, John Stevens, after which the November 19 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

On November 20, the full Board will meet in open session from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. At 9 a.m., the Board will discuss NAEP 12th Grade issues, led by Vice Chair, Sheila Ford. Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10:45 a.m. and 12 p.m., upon which the November 20, 2004 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern standard time.

Dated: October 28, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. PP-89-1]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; Bangor Hydro-Electric Company

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement and to conduct public scoping meetings, and notice of floodplain and wetlands involvement.

**SUMMARY:** Bangor Hydro-Electric Company (BHE) has applied to DOE to amend Presidential Permit PP-89, which authorizes BHE to construct a single-circuit 345,000-volt (345-kV) electric transmission line across the U.S.

international border in the vicinity of Baileyville, Maine. The proposed transmission line would originate at BHE's existing Orrington Substation, located in Orrington, Maine, and extend eastward approximately 85 miles to the international border between the United States and Canada where it would connect with similar facilities to be owned by New Brunswick Power Corporation (NB Power). DOE has determined that amendment of the Presidential permit would constitute a major Federal action that may have a significant impact upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). For this reason, DOE intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) entitled, "The Northeast Reliability Interconnect" (DOE/EIS-0372), to address potential environmental impacts from the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to inform the public about the proposed action, announce plans to conduct three public scoping meetings in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line, invite public participation in the scoping process, and solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS. Because the proposed project may involve an action in a floodplain or wetland, the draft EIS will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment and the final EIS or record of decision will include a floodplain statement of findings in accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022).

**DATES:** DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, Native American tribes, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until December 2, 2004. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by December 2, 2004, in defining the scope of this EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

*Dates for the public scoping meetings are:*

1. November 17, 2004; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Baileyville, Maine.
2. November 18, 2004; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., South Lincoln, Maine.

3. November 18, 2004; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Brewer, Maine.

Requests to speak at a public scoping meeting(s) should be received by Dr. Jerry Pell at the addresses indicated below on or before November 10, 2004. Requests to speak may also be made at the scoping meetings when registering for the meetings. However, persons who submitted advance requests to speak will be given priority if time should be limited during the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions on the scope of the EIS and requests to speak at the scoping meeting(s) should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-27), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585; facsimile: 202-318-7761, or electronic mail at [Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov).

Please note that regular postal mail to DOE tends to be delayed because of anthrax screening. In order to avoid these delays, if you wish to comment by mail, we suggest that your response be submitted either by using overnight service, or that your letter first be sent to us by fax or e-mail, and then followed by regular mailing of the original documents.

The locations of the scoping meetings are:

1. Woodland Elementary School, 23 Fourth Avenue, Baileyville, Maine.
2. Mattanawcook Academy, 33 Reed Drive, Lincoln, Maine.
3. Jeff's Catering Banquet & Convention Center, East West Industrial Park, 5 Coffin Avenue, Brewer, Maine.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS when it is issued, contact Dr. Pell by any of the means listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The main text of the BHE application is on the DOE Fossil Energy Web site at <http://fossil.energy.gov/programs/electricityregulation>, under Pending Proceedings and PP-89-1. The complete BHE application, including associated maps and drawings, can be obtained by contacting Dr. Jerry Pell as noted in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Additional information and a description of the proposed project may be found on the BHE project Web site at <http://www.bhe.com/nri>.

For general information on the DOE NEPA review process, contact:

Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585; phone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756; facsimile: 202-586-7031.