

by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested 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 Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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.

Dated: January 27, 2005.

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Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of the Impact of Supplemental Literacy Programs in Freshman Academies.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 40.

Burden Hours: 2,600.

Abstract: The grant application package establishes requirements, priorities, definitions and selection criteria, and solicits proposals from local education agencies for a special grant competition under the Smaller Learning Communities program to expand or create smaller learning communities and participate in a national research evaluation of supplemental reading programs in freshman academies.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2668. 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 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 Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@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

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning collection of human resource and labor relations information from major DOE contractors for contract

management, administration, and cost control. 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 April 4, 2005. 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: Stephanie Weakley, ME-631, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585-1615; or by fax at 202/287-1656 or by e-mail at stephanie.weakley@hq.doe.gov. and to: Sharon A. Evelin, Acting Director, IM-11/Germantown Bldg., U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 10585-1290, or by fax at 301-903-9061 or by e-mail at sharon.evelin@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Stephanie Weakley at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-0600; (2) *Package Title:* Industrial Relations; (3) *Type of Review:* Renewal; (4) *Purpose:* This information is required for management oversight for DOE's Facilities Management Contractors and to ensure that the programmatic and administrative management requirements of the contract are managed efficiently and effectively; (5) *Respondents:* 447; (6) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 8,008.

Statutory Authority: Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, of August 4, 1977.

Issued in Washington, DC on January 26, 2005.

Sharon A. Evelin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

[BPA File No. TR-06]

2006 Transmission Rate Case; Public Hearing and Opportunities for Public Review and Comment

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTIONS: Notice of 2006 Transmission Rate Case.

SUMMARY: BPA File No. TR-06. BPA requests that all comments and documents intended to become part of the Official Records in this proceeding contain the file number designation TR-06.

BPA's existing transmission and ancillary services rates expire September 30, 2005. BPA will establish transmission and ancillary service rates in this proceeding for the period from October 2005 through September 2007, fiscal years ("FY") 2006 and 2007 ("2006-2007 Rate Period").

BPA's Transmission Business Line ("TBL") held several public meetings with customers over the period July through September 2004 to discuss transmission costs, revenues, and rate design issues for the 2006-2007 Rate Period. The customers expressed interest in meeting with TBL to develop a settlement for the 2006-2007 Rate Period. Continued meetings between October and early December resulted in a Settlement Agreement. TBL's initial rate proposal ("Initial Proposal") reflects the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

DATES: Persons wishing to become formal parties to the proceeding must notify BPA in writing of their intention to do so by the requirements stated in this Notice. Petitions to intervene must be received by BPA no later than 4:30 p.m., Pacific Time, on February 14, 2005.

The rate adjustment proceeding will begin with a pre-hearing conference at 9 a.m., Pacific Time, on February 16, 2005, in Portland, Oregon, at the address stated below. Due to increased security, attendees should allow additional time for entry into the

building. Attendees will need a photo ID and will need to sign in at the security desk.

Written comments by non-party participants must be received by March 16, 2005, to be considered in the Record of Decision ("ROD").

ADDRESSES:

1. Petitions to intervene should be directed to Jonathan Shardlow, Hearing Clerk—LT-7, Bonneville Power Administration, 905 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97232. In addition, a copy of the petition must be served concurrently on BPA's General Counsel and directed to Charles H. Combs—LT-7, Office of General Counsel, 905 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97232 (see Part III, A for more information).

2. Written comments by non-party participants should be submitted to Rate Case, TBL Communications—T-Ditt2, Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 491, Vancouver, WA 98666. You also may e-mail your comments to: tblfeedback@bpa.gov.

3. The pre-hearing conference will be held in the BPA Rates Hearing Room, 2nd floor, 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon, at 9 a.m., Pacific Time, on February 16, 2005. Compact discs ("CD") containing the Initial Proposal documents, in PDF format, will be provided to parties at the pre-hearing conference. The Settlement Agreement, studies and documentation also will be available on BPA's Web site at http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/Business/Rates_and_Tariff/2006RateCase.cfm, and may be viewed at BPA's Public Reference Room, 1st floor, 905 NE 11th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information also may be obtained from Debbie Stout, TBL Communications—T-Ditt2, Bonneville Power Administration, PO Box 491, Vancouver, WA 98666; by phone at (360) 418-8995 or toll free at 1-888-276-7790; or via e-mail to dastout@bpa.gov.

Responsible Official: Mr. Dennis Metcalf, Transmission Rate Case Manager, is the official responsible for the development of BPA's transmission and ancillary service rates.

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Part I—Introduction and Procedural Background

Section 7(i) of the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 839e(i), requires that BPA's rates be established according to certain procedures. These procedures include, among other things, publication of notice of the proposed rates in the **Federal Register**; one or more hearings conducted as expeditiously as practicable by a Hearing Officer; opportunity for both oral presentation and written submission of views, data, questions, and arguments related to the proposed rates; and a decision by the Administrator based on the record. BPA's rate proceedings are governed by BPA's Procedures Governing Bonneville Power Administration Rate Hearings, 51 FR 7611 (1986) ("Procedures"). These Procedures implement the statutory Section 7(i) requirements. This rate proceeding will be governed by Section 1010.9 of the Procedures providing for a general rate proceeding, as modified by the Hearing Officer at the pre-hearing conference. However, BPA will not hold any field hearings to provide for non-party participant oral comments. Section 1010.7 of the Procedures prohibits ex parte communications. BPA imposed ex parte limitations beginning January 17, 2005.

The Bonneville Project Act, 16 U.S.C. 832; the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s; the Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act, 16 U.S.C. 838; the Northwest Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 839; and the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824k(i)(1)(B)(ii) provide guidance regarding BPA's ratemaking. With regard to transmission rates, the Northwest Power Act requires BPA to set rates that are sufficient to recover, in accordance with sound business principles, the cost of transmitting electric power, including amortization of the Federal investment over a reasonable period of years, and the other costs and expenses incurred by the Administrator. The Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act requires that the costs of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System be equitably allocated between Federal and non-Federal power utilizing the system. In addition, rates for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission")-ordered transmission service shall be at rates and charges that permit the recovery of all costs incurred in connection with the transmission service and necessary associated services.

A proposed schedule for the formal hearing is stated below. A final schedule