Dated: November 18, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID USA–2008–0080]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, (OAA–AAHS), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Department of the Army, Human Resources Command, Officer Personnel Management Directorate (AHRC–OPD–A), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332, (*Attn:* Denise Camacho), or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 428–6440.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application and Contract for Establishment of a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit, DA Form 3126, OMB Control Number 0702–0021.

Needs and Uses: Educational institutions which desire to host a Junior ROTC unit may make application using DA Form 3126. The program provides unique educational opportunities for young citizens through their participation in a federally sponsored course while pursuing a civilian education. Participating students develop citizenship, leadership and communication skills, knowledge of the rule of the U.S. Army in support of national objectives, as well as an appreciation for the importance of physical fitness. The organization of units established by the Department of the Army at public and private secondary schools is provided under 10 U.S.C. 2031 and 32 CFR 542.

Affected Public: Not-For-Profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 70.

Number of Respondents: 70.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DA Form 3126 is initiated by the school desiring to host a unit and is countersigned by a representative of the Secretary of the Army. The contract is necessary to establish a mutual agreement between the secondary institution and the U.S. Government. The Commanding General, Human Resources Command, is responsible for administering the JROTC program and overall policy. Region commanders are responsible for operating and administering the JROTC commanders. Data provided on the application is used to determine which factor as: (1) Receipt of signed applications and agreements; (2) enrollment potential; (3) capacity of the institution to conduct the program; (4) accreditation status; (5) ability to comply with statutory and contractual requirements; and (6) fair and equitable distribution of units throughout the nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID USA–2008–0078]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, (OAA–RPA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 26, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

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Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this

proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 709 Ward Drive, Bldg. 1990, Scott Air Force Base, IL 62225–1604, *Attn:* SDDC–IMP–T, Station 1E164–44 (Carlos Alvarado), or call Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 428–6440.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Transportation Discrepancy Report; DD Form 361; OMB Control Number 0702–0124.

Needs and Uses: DD Form 361 is essential for documenting any loss, damage, or other discrepancy, which may result from the movement of Government freight by commercial transportation companies (carries). The form is ordinarily completed by the Federal agencies for which the transportation service is provided. However, in a small minority of cases (Approximately 9%), contractor personnel acting for the government may be required to complete this form.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,434.

Number of Respondents: 1,434.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

DD Form 361 is essential for documenting any loss, damage, or other discrepancy, which may result from the movement of Government freight by commercial transportation companies (carries). As insurers of goods transported under the bill of lading contract carriers are responsible to the extent provided by law, for the delivery of goods as tendered by or for the Government.

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Patricia L. Toppings,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, December 22, 2008, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: TMS, Inc., 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW., Suite 1500, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202–586–1023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

Tentative Agenda:

- Welcome and introductions.
- Discussion of whether a subcommittee should be formed to visit the new Secretary of Energy to discuss Committee's positions as stated in the previously-developed transition documents.
- Selection of visit subcommittee and potential dates, if required.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1G–033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 20, 2008.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP09–20–000]

Avista Corporation; Notice of Application

November 19, 2008.

Take notice that on November 6, 2008, Avista Corporation (Avista), 1411 East Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99202, filed in Docket No. CP09–20–000, an application pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting the determination of a service area within which Avista may, without further Commission authorization, enlarge or expand its natural gas distribution facilities. Avista also requests: (i) A finding that Avista qualifies as a local distribution company (LDC) for the purposes of section 311 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA); (ii) a waiver of the Commission's accounting and reporting requirements and other regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and the NGPA; and (iii) such further relief as the Commission may deem appropriate, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at *http://www.ferc.gov* using the ''eLibrary'' link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Michael G. Andrea, Staff Attorney at Avista Corporation, 1411 East Mission Avenue, MSC–23, Spokane, Washington 99202, or by calling (509) 495–2564 (telephone); (509) 777–5468 (fax), *michael.andrea@avistacorp.com* or Paul Korman, Van Ness Feldman, PC, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, Washington, DC 20007; (202) 298–1830 (telephone) or (202) 338–2361 (fax), *pik@vnf.com.*

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS)