DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395–5806 or e-mailed to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

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. The OMB is particularly interested in comments which: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate 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; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of December 1–3, 2010 meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI); changes to the proposed agenda for the meeting; and information related to members of the public making third-party oral comments at the meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth changes to the proposed December 1–3, 2010 NACIQI meeting agenda that was published in the August 23, 2010 Federal Register (75 FR 21280): a complete listing of the proposed agenda items for the December 1–3, 2010 NACIQI meeting, as revised; and information related to members of the public making oral comments at the meeting. The notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and section 114(d)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act (HEA).


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting Date and Place: The NACIQI meeting will be held on December 1–3, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the U.S. Department of Education, Eighth Floor Conference Center, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Changes to Proposed Agenda: Since the publication of the August 23, 2010 Federal Register notice, the Department has added an item to the proposed agenda: The review of the National Defense University (NDU), as required by 10 U.S.C., section 2163, for the purpose of evaluating the proposed awarding of the NDU’s Master of Science degree in Government Information Leadership.

Also, due to two different agencies’ requests, the Department removed the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools and AdvancED from the proposed December meeting agenda. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools decided to withdraw from recognition and AdvancED decided to withdraw its request for initial recognition.

Dated: November 2, 2010.

D.J. Werner,
Lieutenant Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Other proposed agenda topics for the December meeting will include the review of agencies that have submitted petitions for the renewal of recognition, and the review of agencies that have submitted compliance reports/interim reports.

Proposed Agenda: The following agencies are tentatively scheduled for review during the December 1–3, 2010 NACIQI meeting:

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Compliance Reports

2. Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.
3. Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. American Academy for Liberal Education.
2. American Board of Funeral Service Education.
5. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education.

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

1. Missouri State Board of Nursing.

Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

1. National Defense University, Washington, DC (request to award a Master of Science degree in Government Information Leadership).

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency’s proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee’s recommendation and the Secretary’s recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget. The Secretary uses the NACIQI as the review committee required for this purpose.

NACIQI’s Statutory Authority and Functions:
The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. The NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the Criteria for Recognition of accrediting agencies or associations as amended, under Subpart 2, Part H, Title IV, HEA,
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations, or a specific State approval agency,
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations,
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA,
- The relationship between: (1) Accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions,
- Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe.

Instructions for Making a Third-Party Oral Comment at the December 2010 NACIQI Meeting:


If the Committee is reviewing an agency’s petition, comments must relate to whether the agency meets the Criteria for Recognition. If the Committee is reviewing an agency’s compliance/interim report, comments must relate to the NACIQI’s consideration, which will be whether the agency has demonstrated compliance with the
specific criteria specified in the Department’s request for the report. Third parties having concerns about agencies regarding matters outside the scope of the requested compliance report should report those concerns to Department staff.

Comments concerning the National Defense University’s degree-granting authority request must relate to the criteria used to evaluate the institution. Those criteria may be obtained by submitting a request to aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov, with the subject line listed as “Request for Degree-Granting Authority Criteria.”

This notice invites third-party oral testimony, not written comment. Requests for written comments on agencies that are tentatively scheduled for review during the meeting were published in the Federal Register (75 FR 21280) on August 23, 2010. The NACIQI will receive and consider only written comments that were submitted by the September 23, 2010 deadline specified in the above referenced Federal Register notice.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the NACIQI Web site shortly after the meeting. Pursuant to the FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC, by e-mailing the aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov or by calling (202) 219–7067 to schedule an appointment.

Electronic Access to this Document: You may view this document, as well as all other Department of Education documents published in the Federal Register, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), on the Internet at the following site: http://www.ed.gov/legislation/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 1–866–512–1830; or, in the Washington, DC area at (202) 512–0000.

Reasonable Accommodations: Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the December 1–3, 2010 meeting (i.e., interpreter services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should contact Department staff by telephone: (202) 219–7011; or, e-mail: aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov; no later than November 22, 2010. We will attempt to meet requests after this date but cannot guarantee the availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible.

For Further Information: Contact Melissa Lewis, Executive Director, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, Room 8060, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219–7011; e-mail: Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.


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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11–14–000]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, Southern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

November 2, 2010.

Take notice that on October 21, 2010, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf), 5151 San Felipe, Suite 2500, Houston, Texas 77056, and Southern Natural Gas Company (Southern Gas), Colonial Brookwood Center, 569 Brookwood Village, Suite 501, Birmingham, Alabama 35209, jointly filed in Docket No. CP11–14–000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting that the Commission grant Columbia Gulf approval to abandon (1) certain jointly owned natural gas facilities located offshore in East Cameron Block 23 (EC23 offshore facilities), and onshore in Cameron Parish, Louisiana; and (2) the services currently provided through the EC23 offshore facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to counsel of Columbia Gulf, Fredric J. George, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325–1273, at (304) 357–2359 or by e-mail at fgeorge@nisource.com.

Specifically, Columbia Gulf filed an application requesting approval for abandonment of approximately 6.3 miles of 16-inch pipeline offshore Louisiana, and approximately 3.0 miles of 16-inch pipeline onshore in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, as well as measuring equipment, and appurtenances located in EC23 offshore facilities and the services provided through the facilities.

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) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify Federal and State agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all Federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission’s review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene 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). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit original and 7 copies of filings made with the Commission staff, a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to