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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26th, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, the Equity and Excellence Commission will hold an open meeting in Washington, DC in room 1W105/108 at the U.S. Department of Education's main building at 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

The purpose of the Commission is to collect information, analyze issues, and obtain broad public input regarding how the Federal government can increase educational opportunity by improving school funding equity. The Commission will also make recommendations for restructuring school finance systems to achieve equity in the distribution of educational resources and further student performance, especially for the students at the lower end of the achievement gap. The Commission will examine the disparities in meaningful educational opportunities that give rise to the achievement gap, with a focus on systems of finance, and recommend appropriate ways in which Federal policies could address such disparities.

The agenda for the Commission's October 26 meeting will include discussion of particular language for certain portions of the report and reaching consensus on particular recommendations. Due to time constraints, there will not be a public comment period, but, individuals wishing to provide comments may contact the Equity Commission via e-mail at equitycommission@ed.gov. For comments related to the upcoming meeting, please submit comments no later than October 19, 2011.

Individuals interested in attending the meeting must register in advance because seating may be limited. Please contact Jim Eichner at (202) 453-5945 or by e-mail at equitycommission@ed.gov. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (e.g., interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Jim Eichner at (202) 245-5945 no later than October 19, 2011. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20202 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Sandra Battle,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Office for Civil Rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on DOE's request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend for three years the emergency Information Collection Request Title: OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants, OMB Control No. 1910-5149 that DOE is submitting to OMB pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 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 November 7, 2011. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to:

Matthew Grosso, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Energy, OE/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-5860, or by e-mail at matthew.grosso@hq.doe.gov; and DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Matthew Grosso at matthew.grosso@hq.doe.gov, or <http://energy.gov/oe/technology-development/smart-grid/recovery-act-smart-grid-investment-grants/smart-grid-investment>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No.: 1910-5149; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* OE Recovery Act Financial Assistance Grants; (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension of a prior request; (4) *Purpose:* To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously (especially important for Recovery Act funds); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 138; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 1,656; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 26,496; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$483,000 for the first year, \$138,000 each subsequent year.

Authority: Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Pub. L. 110-140.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 3, 2011.

Terri T. Lee,

Chief Operating Officer, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-547-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on September 20, 2011, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural), 3250 Lacey Road, 7th Floor, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918, filed in Docket Number CP11-547-000, pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), an application to abandon and construct certain facilities located in Washington County, Iowa; Effingham, Clinton, and Piatt Counties, Illinois; and Harrison County, Texas. Natural's proposal is referred to as the 2012 NGPL Storage Optimization Project. The project has a total cost \$57,585,839 plus \$6,292,904 for the proposed