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Navy will conduct one public hearing to receive oral and written comments concerning the DEIS. A brief presentation will precede a request for public information and comments. Navy representatives will be available at the hearing to receive information and comments from agencies and the public regarding issues of concern. Federal, state, and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or represented at the hearing. Those who intend to speak will be asked to submit a speaker card (available at the door). Oral comments will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer.

To assure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record in the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to three minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to Commanding Officer, Northern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 202, 10 Industrial Highway, Lester, Pennsylvania 19113, (Attn. Mr. Robert Ostermueller, telephone (610) 595-0759, facsimile (610) 595-0778). Written comments are requested not later than Monday, November 15, 1999.

Dated: October 4, 1999.

**Nieva K. Van Leer,**

*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming partially closed meeting of

the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, November 2, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., but closed from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, November 3, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Wyndham City Center Hotel, New Hampshire III Room, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 601, Washington, DC 20202-7582 (202) 708-7439.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a third-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: promoting program integrity, eliminating or avoiding program

complexity, integrating delivery across the Title IV programs; and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act has provided the Advisory Committee with a significantly expanded agenda in six major areas, such as, Performance-Based Organization (PBO); Modernization; Technology; Simplification of Law and Regulation; Distance Education; and Early Information and Needs Assessment. In each of these areas, Congress has asked the Committee to: monitor progress toward implementing the Amendments of 1998; conduct independent, objective assessments; and make recommendations for improvement to the Congress and the Secretary. Each of these responsibilities flows logically from and effectively implements one or more of the Committee's original statutory functions and purposes.

The proposed agenda includes—(a) presentations and discussion sessions by congressional members and staff, Department of Education officials (ED), and presidential associations regarding progress to date on the implementation of the PBO and modernization; (b) presentations and discussion sessions focusing on distance education and GearUp; and (c) a planning session on the Committee's agenda for fiscal year 2000 and other Committee business (e.g., personnel matters, the budget, etc). Space is limited and you are encouraged to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through Internet at [ADV\\_COMSFA@ED.gov](mailto:ADV_COMSFA@ED.gov) or [Tracy\\_Deanna\\_Jones@ED.gov](mailto:Tracy_Deanna_Jones@ED.gov). Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 401-3467. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 708-7439. The registration deadline is Monday, October 25, 1999.

The Advisory Committee will meet in Washington, DC on November 2, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 6:00 p.m., and on November 3, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public on November 2, from approximately 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The ensuing discussions will relate to internal personnel rules and practices an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by

exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552(b)(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters which are informative to the public consistent with the policy of Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b) will be available to the public within fourteen days after the meeting.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Portals Building, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 601, Washington, DC from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: October 5, 1999.

**Brian K. Fitzgerald,**

*Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Request for Proposals for Financial Assistance: Agenda 2020—Forest Products Industries of the Future

**AGENCY:** Golden Field Office, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Request for applications for research and development projects in support of the Agenda 2020 program.

**SUMMARY:** The DOE Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) is funding a competitive financial assistance program in support of Agenda 2020, a research agenda which outlines the needs of the forest products industry to allow it to pursue a sustainable future. Proposals are requested under a DOE solicitation that is anticipated to result in the award of one or more cooperative agreements early in Fiscal Year 2001.

**DATES:** The two-page proposals should be submitted as described in the Solicitation by November 15, 1999.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background Information

The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT), is requesting applications for research and development projects in support of the Agenda 2020 program. In 1994, the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) released *Agenda 2020: A Technology Vision and Research Agenda for America's Forest, Wood, and Paper Industry*, which outlines the

research needs of the forest products industry to allow it to pursue a sustainable future. At that time, the AF&PA and DOE signed an agreement to implement this research agenda. In 1996, the industry organized a process, under the aegis of the AF&PA Chief Technology Officers (CTO) Committee, to assist DOE in identifying research projects most important to the industry's Agenda 2020 Vision. Since that time, approximately 90 projects identified through this process have received DOE funding. For additional information on Agenda 2020, refer to the DOE Headquarters or Agenda 2020 website at [www.oit.doe.gov/forest](http://www.oit.doe.gov/forest) or [www.Agenda2020.org](http://www.Agenda2020.org).

Under the current Solicitation for Fiscal Year 2001 awards, three Agenda 2020 Task Groups are participating in this request for applications: sustainable forestry, capital effectiveness, and sensors and control. To be considered for the award of a DOE cooperative agreement in one of these three areas, a 2-page proposal is required as the initial step in the evaluation process. The Solicitation is available from the DOE Golden Field Office website at [www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html](http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html) or from the DOE Headquarters website at [www.oit.doe.gov/forest](http://www.oit.doe.gov/forest) on October 4, 1999.

If unable to access the internet, you may obtain a copy of the Solicitation by calling Amy Castelli at (303) 275-4716, FAX (303) 275-4788.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. The Project Engineer is Doug Hooker, at (303) 275-4780 or e-mail at [doug\\_hooker@nrel.gov](mailto:doug_hooker@nrel.gov). The Contracting Officer is Beth Peterman, at (303) 275-4719 or e-mail at [beth\\_peterman@nrel.gov](mailto:beth_peterman@nrel.gov). The Solicitation can be obtained from the GFO website at [www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html](http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html) or from the DOE Headquarters website at [www.oit.doe.gov/forest](http://www.oit.doe.gov/forest).

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on October 1, 1999.

**Beth H. Peterman,**

*Contracting Officer, GO.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER99-4020-000]

#### Allegheny Energy Supply Company; Notice of Issuance of Order

October 4, 1999.

Allegheny Energy Supply Company (AE Supply) is a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc., (Allegheny) the registered holding company for Monongahela Power Company, Potomac Edison Company and West Penn Power Company (collectively, APS Operating Companies). Allegheny is planning to transfer all of West Penn's generating units to AE Supply. On August 6, 1999, AE Supply filed an application seeking authorization to sell electric energy and capacity to the APS Operating Companies and others for resale at market-based rates. AE Supply also requested certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, AE Supply requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by AE Supply. On September 30, 1999, the Commission issued an Order Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's September 30, 1999 Order granted the request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (C), (D), and (F):

(C) Within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by AE Supply should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(D) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (C) above, AE Supply is hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of AE Supply, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(F) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further