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Dated: July 10, 2003.

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**Office of the Chief Information Officer**

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Title:* Master Plan for Customer Surveys and Focus Groups.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 100,000.

*Burden Hours:* 50,600.

*Abstract:* Customer satisfaction surveys and focus group discussions will be conducted by the Principal Offices of the Department of Education to measure customer satisfaction and establish and improve customer service standards as required by Executive Order 12862.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2308. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian\\_reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian_reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. 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 Kathy Axt at her e-mail address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@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 EDUCATION**

**National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*; interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at [Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov](mailto:Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov) no later than July 25, 2003. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** July 31–August 2, 2003.

*Times:*

*July 31:*

*Committee Meetings:*

*Assessment Development Committee:*

Closed Session—12 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

*Ad Hoc Committee on Background*

*Questions:* Open Session—3:30 p.m.

to 5 p.m.;

*Executive Committee:* Open Session—5

p.m. to 6 p.m.; Closed Session 6 p.m.

to 7 p.m.

*August 1:*

*Full Board:* Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

*Committee Meetings:*

*Assessment Development Committee:*

Closed Session—10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.;

Open Session—10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.;

*Committee on Standards, Design and*

*Methodology:* Open Session—10 a.m.

to 12 p.m.;

*Reporting and Dissemination*

*Committee:* Open Session—10 a.m. to

12 p.m.;

*Full Board:* Closed Session—12 p.m. to

1:30 p.m.; Open Session—1:30 p.m. to

4:15 p.m.

*August 2:*

*Full Board:* Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Location:* Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City,

1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington,

VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, D.C., 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On July 31, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. to review secure test items for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2005 Science Assessment. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as disclosure of proposed test items from the 2005 NAEP Science Assessment would significantly impede implementation of the NAEP program, and is therefore protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The Executive Committee will meet in open session on July 31, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The committee will then meet in closed session from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for two purposes. First, the committee will discuss independent government cost estimates for contracts related to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). This part of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impeded implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Second, in the closed session, the Executive Committee will discuss a personnel action pertaining to nomination of the Board Vice Chair. This discussion pertains solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 1, the full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda, hear the executive Director's report, and receive an update on the work of the

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from the Associate Commissioner of NCES, Val Plisko.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 1, the Board's standing committees—the Assessment Development Committee; the Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology; and the Reporting and Dissemination Committee—will meet in open session, with one exception. The Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session on August 1 from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to receive a briefing on the 2002 NAEP Oral Reading Grade Four Special Study results. The meeting must be conducted in closed session because results of the Oral Reading Study have not been released to the public; premature disclosure of the information would significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in closed session on August 1, 2003 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to receive results of the 2003 NAEP Reading and Mathematics Assessments. This session must be closed because the results of the Reading and Mathematics Assessments are under development and have not been released to the public. Premature disclosure of the information would significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The full Board will meet in open session on August 1 from 1:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m. The Board will receive an update on the 2007 Reading Framework Project at 1:30 p.m. followed by a presentation by former Vice Board Chair Michael Nettles from 2:45 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. This presentation will be followed by a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on State Sampling, after which the August 1 session of the board meeting will adjourn.

The full Board will meet in open session from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 2. The Board will review video clips on recent NAEP releases from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., followed by a report on NAEP Special Studies/Technology Based Assessments from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Board will then receive an update on the work of the NAEP 12th Grade Commission from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Board actions on policies and Committee reports are scheduled to take place between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., when the August 2, 2003 session of the board meeting will adjourn.

Detailed minutes of the meeting, including summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dated: July 10, 2003.

**Charles E. Smith,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1523-078, et al.]

#### New England Independent System Operator, Inc. et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

July 8, 2003.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

##### 1. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

[Docket Nos. ER97-1523-078, OA97-470-070, and ER97-4234-068]

Take notice that on July 2, 2003, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) filed a compliance report describing the steps it intends to take to ensure that Thunderstorm Alert-related costs are directly assigned to load serving entities in the New York City area.

The NYISO states that copies of this filing have been mailed to all parties listed on the official service lists in Docket Nos. ER97-1523-076, OA97-470-068, and ER97-4234-066 and to all market participants that have executed Service Agreements under the NYISO's Open-Access Transmission Tariff or its Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff, and to the electric utility regulatory agencies in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

*Comment Date:* July 23, 2003.

##### 2. Lowell Cogeneration Company, Limited Partnership

[Docket No. ER97-2414-005]

Take notice that on July 1, 2003, Lowell Cogeneration Company Limited Partnership (LCCLP) tendered for filing its triennial market power analyses.

*Comment Date:* July 22, 2003.

##### 3. ISO New England Inc.

[Docket No. ER02-2153-004]

Take notice that on July 1, 2003, ISO New England Inc. submitted a compliance report in this proceeding.

ISO New England Inc., states that copies of said filing have been served upon all parties to this proceeding and the New England utility regulatory agencies, and electronically upon the New England Power Pool participants.

*Comment Date:* July 22, 2003.

##### 4. Illinova Energy Partners, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-1000-000]

Take notice that on June 27, 2003, Illinova Energy Partners, Inc., (IEP) pursuant to Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR 35.15, submitted a Notice of Cancellation of IEP's Market-Based FERC Electric Rate Tariff and all rate schedules and/or service agreements thereunder effective June 30, 2003.

*Comment Date:* July 18, 2003.

##### 5. PacifiCorp

[Docket No. ER03-1005-000]

Take Notice that on June 30, 2003, PacifiCorp tendered for filing Amending Agreement No. 1 (Amending Agreement No. 1) to the 1997 Pacific Northwest Coordination Agreement (the 1997 PNCA).

PacifiCorp states that Amending Agreement No. 1 amends the 1997 PNCA. PacifiCorp also states that a copy of the filing was served upon the parties to the 1997 PNCA.

*Comment Date:* July 21, 2003.

##### 6. SmartEnergy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-1006-000]

Take notice that on June 30, 2003, SmartEnergy, Inc., (SmartEnergy) tendered for filing a Notice of Cancellation of FERC Rate Schedule No. 1. SmartEnergy states that it has made a decision to cease energy operations.

*Comment Date:* July 21, 2003.

##### 7. Midwest Energy, Inc.

[Docket No. ER03-1007-000]

Take notice that on June 30, 2003, Midwest Energy, Inc. (Midwest) submitted for filing an Electric Interconnection Contract (Contract) between Midwest and Centel Corporation, now known as Aquila Networks-WPK (Aquila) along with an