

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper function of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: **Federal Register** Notice Inviting Applications for the Participation in the Quality Assurance (QA) Program.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.
Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 125.

Burden Hours: 400.

Abstract: Financial Aid

Administrators in a letter of application to the Department of Education will describe their institutions commitment to quality assurance and to the reduction of error in the processing and awarding of student aid dollars.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Ability to Benefit Testing Approval.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 150,090.

Burden Hours: 77,040.

Abstract: The Secretary will publish a list of approved tests which can be used by postsecondary educational institutions to establish the ability to benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

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Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Grants Under the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

Frequency: Competitive year.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 300.

Burden Hours: 6,000.

Abstract: Institutions of Higher Education are eligible applicants under the McNair Program. Data collected in the application provides program and budget information needed to evaluate the quality of the projects proposed for funding consideration.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (OMB Control No. 1890-0001). Therefore, this 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board, Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Achievement Levels Committee 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.

DATE: April 29, 1998.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, Denver Southeast, 13696 East Iliff Place at I-22, Aurora, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 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 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994), (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under P.L. 105-78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001.

On April 29, in open session, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Achievement Levels Committee will meet to consider the achievement levels descriptions for the purpose of formulating a recommendation for Board action at the meeting scheduled for May. The Committee will also discuss the achievement level issues associated with the implementation of the Voluntary National Tests.

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, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-100-B and EA-105-A-MX]

Applications to Export Electric Energy; San Diego Gas & Electric Company and NorAm Energy Services, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), an investor owned utility, has submitted an application to renew its authority to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act. NorAm Energy Services, Inc. (NorAm), a power marketer, has submitted an application

to renew its authority to export electric energy to Mexico.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

On February 9, 1996, in Order EA-100-A, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to transmit electric energy from the United States to British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) on a non-firm basis at a maximum rate of transmission of 400 megawatts (MW). That order expires on April 19, 1998. On March 3, 1998, SDG&E filed an application for renewal of this export authority. The electric energy SDG&E proposes to export would be delivered to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by the Bonneville Power Administration.

On May 30, 1996, in FE Order No. EA-105-MX, FE authorized NorAm to export electric energy to Mexico, as a power marketer, using the facilities of SDG&E, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comission Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. On March 6, 1998, NorAm submitted an application to FE to renew that authorization which will expire on May 30, 1998. In seeking renewal of its export authority, NorAm requested that the list of authorized border crossings be amended to include the following international transmission facilities owned by Arizona Public Service Company:

Location	Voltage (kV)	Presidential permit No.
San Luis, AZ (San Luis-Canal Line).	34.5	PP-108