

be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular amendment requests would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Simona Roberts, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 782-1438 issued on May 8, 1998 (63 FR 27265) and 917 issued on May 11, 1994 (59 FR 25892), as amended April 16, 1999 (64 FR 6326), and is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 782-1438 authorizes the permit holder to take large and small cetaceans and incidentally harass some pinniped species during aerial surveys.

The permit holder requests authorization to amend this permit to satellite-tag, flipper tag, VHF radio/time depth recorder (TDR) suction cup-tag and biopsy sample beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) in Alaskan waters. Specifically, they request authority to satellite tag and flipper tag a maximum of 40 beluga whales in the Gulf of Alaska, Bristol Bay, Norton Sound, Kotzebue Sound, and Beaufort Sea; VHF/TDR suction cup tag a maximum of 30 beluga whales in the Gulf of Alaska; and biopsy sample a maximum of 90 beluga whales in the Gulf of Alaska, Bristol Bay, Norton Sound, Kotzebue Sound, and Beaufort Sea.

Permit No. 917 (File No. P77-4#2) authorizes three projects: (1) Aerial and boat surveys, biopsy sampling and photo-identification of various cetacean species during stock assessment research; (2) capture, sample, tag and release pinnipeds during pinniped stock assessment research; and (3) collection of samples from animals of the Orders

Cetacea and Pinnipedia [except walrus] for deposit into a scientific collection for research.

The NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center is requesting authority to extend the permit to December 31, 2000. No additional animals are requested or will be authorized.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

**Ann Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### **Public meeting With the Community College of the Air Force Board of Visitors to Review and Discuss Academic Policies and Issues Relative to the Operation of the College**

**AGENCY:** Community College of the Air Force; DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Board of Visitors will hold a meeting to review and discuss academic policies and issues relative to the operation of the college. Agenda items include a review of the operations of the CCAF and an update on the activities of the CCAF Policy Council.

Members of the public who wish to make oral or written statements at the meeting should contact First Lieutenant Matthew M. Groleau, Designated Federal Officer for the Board, at the address below no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 30, 2000. Please mail or electronically mail all requests. Telephone requests will not be honored. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. A minimum of 35 copies of the presentation materials must be given to First Lieutenant

Groleau no later than three days prior to the time of the board meeting for distribution. Visual aids must be submitted to First Lieutenant Groleau on a 3½ inch computer disc in Microsoft PowerPoint format no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 30, 2000 to allow sufficient time for virus scanning and formatting of the slides.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. on the Main Floor Conference Room, Air University, Building 800, 130 West Maxwell Boulevard, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** First Lieutenant Matthew M. Groleau, (334) 953-7322, Community College of the Air Force, 130 West Maxwell Boulevard, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 36112-6613, or through electronic mail at matthew.groleau@maxwell.af.mil.

**Janet A. Long,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, 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 June 5, 2000.

**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 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

**William Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Application for Grants under Student Support Services Program.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1,200

Burden Hours: 40,800.

*Abstract:* Information requested from eligible institutions of higher education is needed to provide department program officers with necessary information to make funding decisions to determine compliance with authorizing legislation and program regulations.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1890-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@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 Jacqueline Montague at

(202) 708-5359 or via her internet address [Jackie\\_Montague@ed.gov](mailto:Jackie_Montague@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 ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

**[Docket No. CP00-196-000]**

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line  
Corporation; Notice of Application**

April 28, 2000.

Take notice that on April 19, 2000, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP00-196-000 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Transco to construct and operate certain facilities at Compressor Station No. 90 in Marengo County, Alabama to comply with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Alfred E. White, Jr., Senior Attorney, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Corporation, Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251 or call (713) 215-2000.

Transco states that the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and state implementation plans pursuant thereto require certain reductions of NO<sub>x</sub> (oxides of nitrogen) air emissions at certain of Transco's compressor stations. Accordingly, over the next few years Transco plans to install certain facilities at these stations to achieve the reductions of NO<sub>x</sub>. Transco plans to install these facilities pursuant to Transco's blanket facilities certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-426 when it is authorized to do so (either under automatic or prior notice authorization, depending on the estimated dollar amount). However, at the stations where the estimated total cost of installing these facilities is more than \$20.2 million, Transco states that it is not authorized to perform such work

pursuant to its blanket facilities certificate and, therefore, is required to file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (such is the case with the instant application).

Transco states that proposes to modify several of its existing reciprocating engines at Compressor Station No. 90 in order to comply with the State of Alabama plan to implement the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Station 90 has 17 units including 15 reciprocating/compressor units, one Solar Centaur gas turbine and one Solar Mars gas turbine driven centrifugal compressor unit. The facilities at Station 90 are located within a fenced area of approximately 58 acres.

Transco states that it plans to install turbochargers and associated equipment on 9 of the 15 reciprocating engines in order to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. These engines currently do not have turbochargers on them. Transco plans to modify the existing turbochargers at the other 6 reciprocating units to increase their capacity and install associated equipment in order to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. At all 15 engines emissions will be reduced by achieving a true lean air-fuel ratio, injecting high pressure fuel directly into the power cylinders and making other engine adjustments. The injection of high pressure fuel directly into the power cylinders significantly improves the combustion process by producing a more homogeneous mixture of air and fuel within the power cylinder. The true lean air-fuel ratio coupled with the high pressure fuel injection works by promoting stable combustion characteristics and thus reduces the formation of NO<sub>x</sub>.

Transco states the 9 engines which will have turbochargers installed will have the potential to perform above their current operating horsepower. However, since Station 90 is automated, it is stated that Transco has the ability to shut down other engines or reduce their load to ensure that the station will not operate above the station's total certificated horsepower. Since Transco will install these turbochargers at Station 90 solely to achieve an environmental improvement *i.e.*, lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, Transco states that it has no intent or need to operate the station above its certificated horsepower. Therefore, when Transco installs these turbochargers at Station 90 Transco states that it will adjust the automation program at the station so that it will not operate above its certificated horsepower.

At the other 6 engines, Transco states that modification of the existing turbochargers to increase their capacity