

Annual Burden Hours: 374,268 (74,173 reporting hours; 300,095 recordkeeping hours).

Needs and Uses: DoD needs this information to ensure compliance with restrictions on the acquisition of foreign products imposed to statute or policy to protect the industrial base; to ensure compliance with U.S. trade agreements and memoranda of understanding that promote reciprocal trade with U.S. allies; and to prepare reports for submission to the Department of Commerce on the Balance of Payments.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Lewis W. Oleinick.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Oleinick at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD (Acquisition), Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice—Computer Matching between the U.S. Department of Education and the Social Security Administration.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-503, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, a notice is hereby given of a computer matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) (the recipient agency), and the Social Security Administration (SSA) (the source agency). This computer matching program between SSA and ED will become effective as explained below.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (see 54 FR 25818, June 19, 1989), and OMB Circular A-130, we provide the following information:

1. Names of Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Education and the Social Security Administration.

2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of this matching program between ED and SSA is to assist the Secretary of Education in his obligation to "verify immigration status and social security numbers [SSN] provided by a student to an eligible institution" under 20 U.S.C. 1091(g) and (p). The SSA will verify the issuance of an SSN to, and the citizenship status of, those students and parents who provide their SSN's in the course of applying for aid under a student financial assistance program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA). Verification of this information by SSA will help ED to satisfy its obligation to ensure that the individual applying for financial assistance meets eligibility requirements imposed by the HEA.

Verification by this computer matching program effectuates the purpose of the statute, because it provides an efficient and comprehensive method of verifying the accuracy of each individual's SSN and claim to a citizenship status that permits that individual to qualify for Title IV, HEA assistance.

3. Legal Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED is authorized to participate in the matching program under sections 484(p)(20 U.S.C. 1091(p)); 484(g)(20 U.S.C. 1091(g)); 483(a)(7)(20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(7)) and 428B(f)(2)(20 U.S.C. 1078-2(f)(2)) of the HEA.

The SSA is authorized to participate in the matching program under section 1106(a) of the Social Security Act, (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)), and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that section (20 CFR part 401).

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01) (which contains the applicant information on authority from ED) and the ED PIN Registration System of Records (18-11-12) (which contains the applicant's information to receive an ED PIN), will be matched against SSA's

Master Files of Social Security Numbers Holders and SSN Applications System, SSA/OSR, 60-0058 which maintains records about each individual who has applied for and obtained an SSN.

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program.

This matching program will become effective after the Data Integrity Board of each agency approves the agreement and either 40 days after the approved agreement is sent to Congress and OMB (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement), or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquires

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program, or obtain additional information about the program, including a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and SSA, should contact Ms. Edith Bell, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Room 4021, ROB-3 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5400. Telephone: (202) 708-5591. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Dated: February 6, 2001.

Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Dockets No. PP-231]

Application for Presidential Permit; Northern States Power Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Northern States Power Company (NSP) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a 230,000-volt (230-kV) electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, or connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On November 2, 2000, NSP, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Incorporated (Xcel), filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. NSP, doing business as Excel, proposes to construct a 230-kV transmission line that would extend approximately 53 miles from a new substation to be built in Rugby, North Dakota, to the U.S.-Canadian border. From the border, the proposed transmission line would extend an additional 50 miles into Canada to an existing substation located in Glenboro, Manitoba, Canada. The facilities within

Canada will be developed, owned, and operated by Manitoba Hydro. The proposed Rugby-to-Glenboro transmission line is one component of a larger set of 230-kV transmission system improvements being implemented jointly by Xcel and Otter Tail Power Company.

Since the restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities constructed pursuant to Presidential permits to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888, as amended (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities). In furtherance of this policy, DOE intends to condition any Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: James Alders, Xcel Energy, Inc., 414 Nicollet Mall—4th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed actions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the

concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity" from the options menu, and then "Pending Proceedings."

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 5, 2001.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-389-019]

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company; Notice of Negotiated Rate Filing

February 6, 2001.

Take notice that on January 30, 2001, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) tendered for filing with the Commission the following Amendment Agreement to a recently filed negotiated rate transaction:

Amendment Agreement to ITS-2 Service Agreement No. 70052 between Columbia Gulf Transmission Company and Amoco Energy Trading Corporation Dated November 30, 2000, as Amended January 26, 2001

Columbia Gulf states that this transportation service was scheduled to commence December 1, 2000 and terminate December 31, 2000. On January 16, 2001, FERC approved an amendment to extend the term through January 31, 2001 (Docket No. RP96-389-017). The parties have executed an Amendment Agreement extending the term through February 28, 2001. All other terms and provisions remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Columbia Gulf states that copies of the filing have been served on all parties on the official service list created by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,