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Dated: July 6, 2005.

John H. Hager,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Special Education—Technical Assistance and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities—Model Demonstration Centers on Progress Monitoring (CFDA No. 84.326M)

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2005; correction.

SUMMARY: On June 30, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 37789) a notice inviting applications for new awards for FY 2005 for the Special Education—Technical Assistance and Dissemination to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities—Model Demonstration Centers on Progress

Monitoring Program. The notice contained incorrect dates.

On page 37789, third column, the date listed for *Deadline for Intergovernmental Review* is corrected to read “August 18, 2005.” On page 37792, first column, the date listed for *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications* is corrected to read “August 8, 2005.” On page 37792, second column, the date listed for *Deadline for Intergovernmental Review* is corrected to read “August 18, 2005.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Grace Duran, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4088, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202-2600. Telephone: (202) 245-7328.

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Dated: July 6, 2005.

John H. Hager,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Community Technology Centers Program

AGENCY: Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final changes to requirements.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education announces changes to certain requirements governing the Community Technology Centers (CTC) program that the Department established in 2004 and used for the fiscal year (FY) 2004 CTC competition. Specifically, the Assistant Secretary is removing the following two requirements: (1) That novice and non-novice applicants in CTC competitions be ranked and funded separately, and (2) that at least 75 percent of the funds be set aside for non-novice applicants and up to 25 percent of the funds be set aside for novice applicants. The Assistant Secretary will abide by the revised requirements in making awards in FY 2005 from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition.

DATES: This notice of final changes to requirements is effective August 11, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Holliday, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center Plaza, Room 11089, Washington, DC 20202-7241. Telephone: (202) 245-7708 or via e-mail: karen.holliday@ed.gov. Please type “CTC Notice Correspondence” as the subject line of your electronic message.

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Note: This notice does not solicit applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

As authorized by title V, part D, subpart 11, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (ESEA), the purpose of the CTC program is to assist eligible applicants to create or expand

community technology centers that provide disadvantaged residents of economically distressed urban and rural communities with access to information technology and related training.

In 2004, the Department held a CTC competition with FY 2004 funds, in which it used the requirements, priorities, and selection criteria that it had established through a notice of final requirements, priorities, and selection criteria for novice and non-novice applicants for the CTC program, published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2004 (69 FR 20766). Under those final requirements, the Department ranked and funded separately two sets of applicants—novice applicants and non-novice applicants—that met the established absolute priorities. The Department set aside approximately 75 percent of the funds for non-novice applicants and approximately 25 percent of the funds for novice applicants.

During the 2004 CTC competition, the Department received nearly 500 applications in response to the FY 2004 notice inviting applications. Because of the separate ranking of novice and non-novice applicants and the set-aside requirements, a number of high-quality applications received through the FY 2004 CTC competition were not funded. Accordingly, the Department intends to make awards for FY 2005 based on the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition without regard to the set-aside provisions.

Analysis of Comments and Changes

On May 4, 2005, the Department published a notice of proposed changes to requirements in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 23142). In response to the notice of proposed changes to requirements, 12 parties submitted comments. An analysis of the comments on the notice of proposed changes follows.

Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes—and suggested changes the law does not authorize us to make under the applicable statutory authority.

Comments: Several commenters stated that they would like the Department to fund current CTC grantees, as well as FY 2004 unfunded applicants.

Discussion: The purpose of the CTC program is to assist eligible applicants to create or expand community technology centers that provide disadvantaged residents of economically distressed urban and rural communities with access to information technology and related training. In order to reach additional needy communities, the Assistant Secretary has determined that

the best policy for the Department in FY 2005 is to fund additional high-quality applications and that a sufficient number of high-quality 2004 applications remain available for funding.

Changes: None.

Comments: Two commenters stated that they are concerned about the status of unfunded applicants' current budget, partnerships, and other resource capabilities due to the significant lapse of time since these applicants submitted their application materials to the Department for the 2004 CTC competition.

Discussion: Prior to awarding FY 2005 CTC grant funds, we will contact the highest ranked FY 2004 unfunded applicants to verify that applicants remain interested in receiving a grant to carry out the project outlined in their application, have the personnel and other resources needed to implement their project, and can meet the other requirements of the program. If an applicant cannot meet that test, the Department will contact the next applicant on the slate.

Changes: None.

Comments: Several commenters stated that they want the Department to conduct a new competition for FY 2005 in order to fund the highest-quality projects.

Discussion: The Department received nearly 500 applications in response to the FY 2004 notice inviting applications for the CTC program. With the \$9.5 million available in FY 2004, the Department awarded 25 grants. The Assistant Secretary has determined that a sufficient number of high-quality FY 2004 applications remain available for funding.

Changes: None.

Comments: Several commenters recommended that the Department continue to distinguish between novice and non-novice applicants.

Discussion: In order to ensure that the Department funds the highest-quality applications and for the reasons stated in the notice of proposed changes to requirements, we continue to believe that we should select for funding unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 competition irrespective of their novice or non-novice status.

Changes: None.

Target Applicants

We will change two of the requirements of the CTC competition held in 2004, so that the Department is no longer required to: (1) Rank and fund novice and non-novice applicants separately, and (2) set aside at least 75 percent of the funds for non-novice

applicants and up to 25 percent of the funds for novice applicants that met the absolute priorities.

For FY 2005, we will make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 competition in the highest-ranking order, using the same priorities and selection criteria and irrespective of the novice or non-novice status of applicants.

Executive Order 12866

This notice of final changes to requirements has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of this order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the notice of final changes to requirements are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this notice of changes to requirements, we have determined that the benefits of the change to the requirements governing the FY 2004 CTC competition justify the costs.

We have also determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive Order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7263–7263b.

Dated: July 7, 2005.

Susan Scalfani,

Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA–63–C]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Northern States Power Company

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Northern States Power Company (NSP) has applied to amend its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (Mail Code OE–20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350 (FAX 202–586–1472).

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

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 March 6, 1979, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Presidential Permit PP–63 authorizing NSP to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a 500,000-volt (500-kV) electric transmission line that extends from Roseau County, Minnesota, across the U.S. border with Canada, and connecting to similar facilities owned by Manitoba Hydro Electric Board, the Provincial electric utility of Canada's Province of Manitoba. In a related proceeding, on August 13, 1979, in

Order No. EA–63, DOE authorized NSP to export electric energy to Canada using the PP–63 facilities. The Presidential permit and electricity export authorization have each been subsequently amended and NSP is now authorized to export electric energy to Canada, using the PP–63 facilities, at a rate not to exceed an instantaneous rate of transmission of 500 megawatts (MW).

On February 6, 2002, in Order No. PP–231, DOE authorized NSP (doing business as Excel Energy Incorporated (Xcel)) to construct, operate, maintain and connect a 230-kV transmission line that extends approximately 53 miles from a new substation built in Rugby, North Dakota, to the U.S. border with Canada. At the border the PP–231 facilities connect to similar facilities of Manitoba Hydro and continue an additional 50 miles into Canada to an existing substation located in Glenboro, Manitoba. A separate electricity export authorization was not issued in association with this transmission facility.

In OE Docket EA–63–C, NSP has now applied to DOE to further amend Order EA–63 to authorize electricity exports to Canada using a combination of the PP–63 and PP–231 transmission lines, at a maximum transmission rate of 700 MW on a firm (e.g., non-interruptible) basis and at 1050 MW on a non-firm (e.g., as available) basis.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications 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.

Comments on the NSP application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA–63–C. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Northern States Power Company, c/o Xcel Energy Inc., Attn: Director, Contract Administration, 1099 18th Street, Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80202 and Northern States Power Company, c/o Xcel Energy Inc., Attn: James P. Johnson, 800 Nicollet Mall, Suite 2900, Minneapolis, MN 55401 and Northern States Power Company, c/o Xcel Energy Inc., Attn: James Alders, 414 Nicollet Mall—5th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55401 and Northern States Power Company, c/o Xcel Energy Inc., Attn: Thomas R. McDonough, 414 Nicollet Mall—RSQ 5, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the program's home page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the program's home page select "Electricity Regulation", then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 6, 2005.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–282–A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Northern States Power Company

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Northern States Power Company (NSP) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (Mail Code OE–20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350 (fax (202) 287–5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) (202) 586–4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) (202) 586–2793.

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 August 19, 2003, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA–282 which authorized NSP to transmit electric energy from the United States to