

illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0136]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Commercial Item Acquisitions

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0136).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning the clauses and provisions required for use in commercial item acquisitions. The OMB clearance expires on October 31, 2003.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 3, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry Zaffos, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-6091.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 included Title VIII, entitled Commercial Items. The title made numerous additions and revisions to both the civilian agency and Armed Service acquisition statutes to encourage and facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services by Federal Government agencies.

To implement these changes, DoD, NASA, and GSA amended the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to include several streamlined and simplified clauses and provisions to be used in place of existing clauses and provisions. They were designed to simplify solicitations and contracts for commercial items.

Information is used by Federal agencies to facilitate the acquisition of commercial items and services.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 37,500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 34.

*Total Responses:* 1,275,000.

*Hours Per Response:* .312.

*Total Burden Hours:* 397,800.

*Obtaining Copies of Proposals:*

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0136 regarding Commercial Item Acquisitions in all correspondence.

Dated: August 26, 2003.

**Laura G. Auletta,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Management; Performance Review Board; Notice of Membership

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the members of the Performance Review

Board (PRB) for the Department of Education for the Senior Executive Service (SES) performance cycle that ended June 30, 2003. Under 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) through (5), each agency is required to establish one or more PRBs.

#### Composition and Duties

The PRB of the Department of Education is composed of career senior executives, non-career senior executives, and Presidential appointees.

The PRB reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of each senior executive's performance, along with any comments by that senior executive and by any higher-level executive or executives. The PRB makes recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive, including recommendations on performance awards. The Department of Education's PRB also makes recommendations on SES pay level adjustments for career senior executives.

#### Membership

The Secretary has selected the following executives of the Department of Education to serve on the PRB of the Department of Education for the specified SES performance cycle: Chair: William Leidinger, Gerald Reynolds, Jack Martin, John Higgins, Maria Ferrier, Susan Scalfani, Thomas Skelly, Philip Link, Steven Winnick, Patricia Guard, Veronica Trietsch, Jeannette Lim, and Thomas Pestka.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Althea Watson, Director, Executive Resources Team, Human Resources Services, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, room 2E124, FOB-6, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202-4573. Telephone: (202) 401-2548.

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Dated: August 27, 2003.

**Rod Paige,**

*Secretary of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-280]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Direct Energy Marketing Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Direct Energy Marketing Inc. (DEMI) has applied for authority to export 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 October 2, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (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:** 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 13, 2003, DEMI applied to the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada. DEMI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Stamford, Connecticut. DEMI is wholly-owned by Centrica U.S. Holdings Inc., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Centrica plc. Centrica plc is a major supplier of energy, telecommunications, and financial services in the United

Kingdom. DEMI and its affiliates have no franchised service territory in the United States or Canada for the sale of natural gas or electricity, nor do DEMI or its affiliates own or operate any generation or transmission facilities in the United States or Canada. DEMI will operate as a marketer and broker of electric power at wholesale and may arrange services in related areas such as fuel supplies and transmission services.

DEMI proposes to export electric energy to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. DEMI will purchase the energy to be exported from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies within the United States as defined in the FPA.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by DEMI has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**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 section 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 DEMI application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-280. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Catherine P. McCarthy, LeBeouf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P. 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20007 AND Robert Frank, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Centrica North America, 8 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77046.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impact has 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 Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page select "Electricity regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 26, 2003.

**Anthony Como,**

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. PP-66-1]

### Application to Transfer Presidential Permit; Citizens Communications Company and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Citizens Communications Company (Citizens) and Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) have jointly applied to transfer Presidential Permit PP-66 from Citizens to VELCO.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before October 2, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (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) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and 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. Existing Presidential permits are not transferable or assignable. However, in the event of