

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. 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.

DATES AND TIMES: June 28, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Newkirk, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3100 ROB #3, Washington, D.C. 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750. Individuals who use a telecommunication 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).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established under Section 1001 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, Title X (20 U.S.C. 1131a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to commend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants of a given kind.

The meeting of the National Board is open to the public. The National Board will meet on Monday, June 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the Fund's program status and special initiatives.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed on this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection to the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D Streets, SW,

Washington, D.C. 20202 from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education (The Advisory Committee).

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of this notice is to invite written comments on accrediting agencies whose applications to the Secretary for initial or renewed recognition will be reviewed at the Advisory Committee meeting to be held on December 6-8, 1999. The notice also invites written comments on agencies submitting interim reports that will be reviewed at the December meeting.

Where Should I Submit My Comments?

Please submit your written comments by July 26, 1999 to Nami Randolph, Chief of the Accrediting Agency Evaluation Branch. You may contact her at the US Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, SW, Room 3915, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-8481. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

What Is the Authority for the Advisory Committee?

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011. One of the purposes of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies.

Will This Be My Only Opportunity To Submit Written Comments?

Yes, this notice announces the only opportunity you will have to submit written comments. However, a subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests to make oral presentations

before the Advisory Committee on the agencies that the Committee will review. That notice, however, does not offer a second opportunity to submit written comment.

What Happens to the Comments That I Submit?

We will review your comments in response to this notice as part of our evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. The Criteria are regulations found in 34 CFR part 602.

We will also include your comments in the staff analyses that we present to the Advisory committee at the December 1999 meeting. Therefore, in order for us to give full consideration to the comments we receive, it is important that we receive your comments on all agencies except the council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (ABA) by July 26, 1999. The deadline for receiving comments about the ABA is September 3, 1999 because that cited agency's interim report is not due to us until August 15, 1999. In all instances, your comments about agencies seeking initial or renewed recognition must relate to the Criteria for the Recognition. In addition, your comments for any agency whose interim report is scheduled for review must relate to the issues raised and the Criteria for Recognition in the Secretary's letter that requested the interim report.

What Happens to Comments Received After the Deadline?

We will review comments received after the deadline as complaints. If such comments upon investigation reveal that the accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Criteria for Recognition, we will take action either before or after the meeting, as appropriate. We will notify the commentors of the disposition of those comments.

What Agencies Are on the Agenda for the Meeting?

The Secretary of Education recognizes accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education if he determines that they meet the Criteria for Recognition. Recognition means that the Secretary considers the agency to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs that are encompassed within the scope of recognition he grants to the agency. The following agencies will be reviewed

during the December 1999 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Petition for Initial Recognition

1. Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (Requested scope of recognition: Baccalaureate Degree Programs in Nursing Education and Graduate Degree Programs in Nursing Education.

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (Requested scope of recognition: the Accreditation of private, postsecondary, non-degree-granting institutions and degree-granting institution, including those granting associate and baccalaureate degrees, that are predominantly organized to educate students for occupation, trade and technical careers).

2. American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of doctoral programs in clinical, counseling, school and combined professional-scientific psychology, predocotral internship programs in professional psychology, and postdoctoral residency programs in professional psychology.

3. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation (Candidate for Accreditation) of institutions and graduate programs in Naturopathy that lead to the degree of Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.M.D.).

4. National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (Scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary schools and departments of costmetology arts and sciences).

5. Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accrediting Commission (Requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of postsecondary institutions that offer certificates, diplomas, and associate, baccalaureate, and graduate degrees).

Interim Reports (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted renewed recognition to the agency)—

1. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

2. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission.

3. Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

4. American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation.

5. American Physical Therapy Association, Committee on Accreditation.

6. Commission on Opticianry Accreditation.

7. National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health, Council on Accreditation.

8. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Schools.

State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Interim Report

1. Kansas State Department of Education.

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

Interim Report

1. New York State Board of Regents, Nursing Education Unit.

Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency's proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee's recommendation and the Secretary's recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget for review and transmittal to the Congress. The Secretary uses the Advisory Committee as the review committee required for this purpose. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will review the following institution at this meeting:

Proposed Associate Degree-Granting Authority

1. Defense Language Institute (Accrdited by: Western Association of

Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges).

Where Can I Inspect Petitions and Third-Party Comments Before and After the Meeting?

All petitions and interim reports, and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting, will be available for public inspection and copying at the U.S. Department of Education, ROB-3, Room 3915, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone (202) 708-7417 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until November 22, 1999. They will be available again after the December 6-8 Advisory Committe meeting. It is preferred that an appointment be made in advance of such inspection or copying.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: June 3, 1999.

Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer, Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-318-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

June 3, 1999.

Take notice that on May 28, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of July 1, 1999:

Thirty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 25
Thirty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 26
Thirty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 27
Thirty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 28
Second Revised Sheet No. 28B
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 30A

Columbia states that the purpose of this filing is to make a downward adjustment to its Rate Schedule FTS base rate demand determinants as provided for in Stipulation II, Article III, Section H(2) of the Docket No. RP95-408 et al. rate case settlement. The settlement provision authorizes such adjustments associated with contract demand reductions recognizing the loss of direct firm transportation deliveries to customers from gathering facilities