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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 22, 2000.

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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including

through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

William Burrow,

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

Office for Civil Rights

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 2000 Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report.

Frequency: Biennially.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 52,500 Burden Hours: 506,250.

Abstract: The Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report is a biennial survey which collects data from schools and school districts on issues, including emerging issues, of interest to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. Data from the Compliance Report is used by OCR to aid in identifying sites for compliance reviews and tracking trends and issues related to civil rights compliance. The Compliance Report collects data related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap). For the 2000 Compliance Report, data will be collected from all districts and schools.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

Written comments or questions 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. 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. RP98-255-005]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Status of Compliance Report

December 17, 1999.

Take notice that on December 10, 1999, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) tendered for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) the following status of compliance filing.

Columbia states that this filing is being made regarding compliance with Section 284.10(c)(2)(i) of the Commission's Regulations, as required by the Commission's order "Compliance with OBA Requirements," issued October 13, 1999 in Docket No. RP98-255-004.

By the instant filing, Columbia reports that it has executed an Operational Balancing Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation effective as of December 1, 1999. Thus Columbia is now in full compliance with the provisions of Section 284.10(c)(2)(i) of the Commission's Regulations.

Columbia states further that copies of this filing have been mailed to all of its customers and affected state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before December 27, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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