

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

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Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Supported Employment Services to Individuals With the Most Severe Disabilities and Technical Assistance Projects—National Scope Project; Notice Extending the Closing Date for Transmittal of Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: The deadline date for transmittal of applications is extended from March 14, 1997, to April 11, 1997.

On January 31, 1996, the Secretary published in the Federal Register (62 FR 4745) a notice inviting applications for a cooperative agreement or grant for new awards for fiscal year 1997 under the program for Special Projects and Demonstrations for Providing Supported Employment Services to Individuals with the Most Severe Disabilities and Technical Assistance Projects—National Scope Project.

The purpose of this notice is to extend the deadline date for transmittal of applications. This action is taken to increase the amount of time applicants have to prepare applications.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: June 10, 1997.

For Applications Contact: Joyce R. Jones, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, Room 3038, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2740; or call the following telephone number: (202) 205-8351.

For Further Information Contact: Mary Jane Kane, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3320, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2740. Telephone: (202) 205-8206. Individuals who use a telecommunications 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.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World

Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 777a(c).

Dated: March 7, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[FERC Form-580]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

March 10, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael P. Miller, Information Services Division, ED-12.4, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael P. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at mmiller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC Form 580, "Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices", Docket No. IN79-6, (OMB No. 1902-0137) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of the Federal Power Act

(FPA). The FPA was amended by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (Pub. L. 95-617) to require the Commission to review "not less frequently than every two (2) years * * * of practices * * * to ensure efficient use of resources (including economical purchase and use of fuel and electric energy) * * *" the purpose of this collection of information is to carry out this statutory mandate. The information will also be used to: (1) Evaluate fuel costs in individual rate filings; (2) review fuel costs passed through automatic fuel adjustment clauses, as determined during periodic compliance audits of utility books and records; and (3) to initiate Commission action under Section 205(f)(3) of the FPA. The Commission's regulations require that a determination be made that wholesale rates are just and reasonable. To make this determination, it is necessary to investigate and analyze the different types of costs incurred in providing electric service. One such expense is fuel costs, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the electric utility's total operating costs.

To allay its concern that utilities lack incentives to minimize fuel costs, Congress directed the Commission to review utility fuel and energy purchase practices to insure that fuel costs are reasonable. To properly assess the effectiveness of utility fuel procurement programs it is necessary to address a wide range of issues that directly impact fuel expenses.

The FERC Form 580 responses are made part of an integrated data base to examine issues raised in contested fuel costs proceedings. Information in the data base is used to make preliminary evaluations of fuel costs in applications for rate increases filed with the Commission. In addition, when fuel costs are contested in formal rate proceedings, the data provide the basis for more detailed analyses of the utility's fuel procurement practices.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with some changes to the existing collection of data. The form is being modified to ask questions concerning fuel tolling, fuel-by-wire, and fuel conversion agreements.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as: