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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Student Financial Assistance; Federal Work-Study Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for filing the "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program."

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an eligible institution to apply for participation in the Work-Colleges Program and to apply for funding under that program for the 2001-2002 award year (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002) by submitting to the Secretary an "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program."

The Work-Colleges Program along with the Federal Work-Study Program and the Job Location and Development Program are known collectively as the Federal Work-Study programs. The Work-Colleges Program is authorized by part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

DATES: To participate in the Work-Colleges Program and to apply for funds for that program for the 2001-2002 award year, an eligible institution must mail or hand-deliver its "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" to the Department on or before June 18, 2001.

Note: The Department will not accept the form by facsimile transmission. The form must be submitted to the Division of Campus-Based Operations in the Schools Channel at one of the addresses indicated in this notice.

ADDRESSES:

Applications and Agreements Delivered by Mail

An "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" delivered by mail must be addressed to Mr. Richard Coppage, Division of Campus-Based Operations, Schools Channel, Work-Colleges Program, U.S. Department of Education, Portals Building, Suite 600D, 400 Maryland Ave, SW., Washington,

DC 20202-4331. An applicant must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following: (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark; (2) a legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service; (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier; or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of Education. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first class mail.

An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office.

If an "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) a private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

Institutions that submit an "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" after the closing date of June 18, 2001, will not be considered for participation or funding under the Work-Colleges Program for award year 2001-2002.

Applications and Agreements Delivered by Hand

If an institution delivers its "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" by hand, it must deliver the institutional application and agreement to Mr. Richard Coppage, Division of Campus-Based Operations, Schools Channel, Work-Colleges Program, U.S. Department of Education, Portals Building, Suite 600D, 400 Maryland Ave, SW., Washington DC 20202-4331.

Hand-delivered institutional applications and agreements will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. An "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the Work-Colleges Program" for the 2001-2002 award year that is delivered by hand will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on June 18, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Work-Colleges Program, the Secretary allocates funds when available for that program to eligible institutions. The Secretary will not allocate funds under the Work-Colleges Program for award year 2001-2002 to any eligible institution unless the institution files its "Institutional Application and Agreement for Participation in the

Work-Colleges Program" by the closing date.

To apply for participation and funding under the Work-Colleges Program, an institution must satisfy the definition of "work-college" in section 448(e) of the HEA. The term "work-college" under the HEA means an eligible institution that (1) is a public or private nonprofit institution with a commitment to community service; (2) has operated a comprehensive work-learning program for at least two years; (3) requires all resident students to participate in a comprehensive work-learning program and the provision of services as an integral part of the institution's educational program and as part of the institution's educational philosophy; and (4) provides students participating in the comprehensive work-learning program with the opportunity to contribute to their education and to the welfare of the community as a whole.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to the Work-Colleges Program:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR part 668.
- (2) General Provisions for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal Work-Study Program, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR part 673.
- (3) Federal Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR part 675.
- (4) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600.
- (5) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR part 82.
- (6) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR part 85.
- (7) Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, 34 CFR part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Coppage, Division of Campus-Based Operations, Schools Channel, Work-Colleges Program, U.S. Department of Education, Portals Building, Suite 600D, 400 Maryland Ave, SW., Washington DC Telephone (202) 708-4694. 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. IC01-720-000; FERC-720]

Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

June 1, 2001.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for Office of Management and Budget emergency processing of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is providing notice of request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing of a proposed collection of information in connection with the New York electricity markets, and is soliciting public comment on that information collection.

DATES: Comments are requested on or before June 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments: (1) Michael Miller, Officer of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415 and by e-mail at

mike.miller@ferc.fed.us; and (2) Amy Farrell, FERC Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202 NEOB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Ms. Farrell may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7318 or by fax at (202) 395-7285.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Caldwell, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, (202) 208-2027.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Power Act directs the Commission to ensure just and reasonable rates for transmission and wholesale sales of electricity in interstate commerce. See 16 U.S.C. 824e(a). To enable the Commission to fulfill this duty the Federal Power Act also authorizes the Commission to conduct investigations of, and collect information from, public utilities. See 16 U.S.C. 825, 825c, 825f, and 825j.

Commission staff has reason to believe that the New York electricity market may experience prices at very high levels during the summer season. Several recent surveys and reports cite New York as an area likely to experience high electricity prices as we move into the summer. For example, a study published in May, 2001, by Xenergy entitled "Wholesale Market Structure," found that "fundamental supply/demand factors * * * are the greatest contributor to high prices and other market problems" in New York. The North American Electric Reliability Council's "Summer Assessment for 2001" cites New York as an area that should be closely watched over the next few months. See <http://www.nerc.com>. In March, 2001, the NYISO issued a report titled, "Power Alert: New York's Energy Crossroads," which reported the possibility of an impending electricity crisis in New York due to a growing imbalance in the supply and demand of electricity. This report may be found at <http://www.nyiso.com>. The *Wall Street Journal* has reported that "New York City already displays some of the early warning signs observed in California in the spring of 2000. The city's grid operator estimates that this summer demand could outstrip supply by as much as 9%, raising the specter of blackouts." See *Wall Street Journal*, April 26, 2001.

If demand does in fact exceed supply this summer, forced and scheduled outages by electric generators in New York, particularly in the New York City and Long Island areas, may contribute to or be the sole cause of the high prices that are bound to accompany a supply/demand imbalance. In addition to

causing higher prices, the outages limit the availability of electric power, and may lead to the necessity for blackouts to preserve transmission and distribution systems. If increased summer demand is not matched by generation supply in New York, these problems are likely to occur.

Commission staff believes that it is in the public interest to monitor generation outages in New York to assess their causes, particularly during the summer cooling season when electricity demand is at its highest. Commission staff proposes to do so by requesting that selected generators in the state of New York electronically provide to the Commission information on total or partial generation unit outages within 24 hours of their occurrence, whether scheduled, forced or otherwise.

Specifically, Commission staff will be requesting information only from generators that own, operate, or control in New York an individual generation unit with a generating capacity of 30 MW or more or generation units aggregating capacity of 50 MW or more.

For the purposes of this data collection, Commission staff considers an outage partial if it reduces the available output of a generation unit below its nameplate rated capacity or below the New York Independent System Operator's (NYISO's) Dependable Maximum Net Capability (DMNC) for the unit. The Commission staff will treat information provided by the generators as non-public pursuant to the provisions of 18 CFR 1b.9.

Commission staff will be requesting that the information be provided through a template that will be mailed to the generators and that can be accessed from the FERC website at <http://www.ferc.gov/>. The Commission staff is requesting that the generators send the outage information to an electronic address, ny.outages@ferc.fed.us. To further assist monitoring efforts, Commission staff will be requesting that generators provide the information on the template for all outages that are current as of the date they receive the letter containing the template. Although Commission staff will be requesting information from municipalities concerning their generation units in New York, Commission staff is requesting such data on a voluntary basis and is not questioning the jurisdictional status of those entities.

Because Commission staff is requesting information from a large number of generators (over 100) concerning future outages, the data collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which requires OMB to