

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: 20 U.S.C. 1057, 1059c and 1065a.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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**Office of Postsecondary Education;
Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-
Study, and Federal Supplemental
Educational Opportunity Grant
Programs**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for institutions to submit a request for a waiver of the allocation reduction for the underuse of funds under the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study (FWS), or Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs (known collectively as the campus-based programs).

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to submit a written request for a waiver of the allocation reduction being applied to its Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, or FSEOG allocation for the 1997-98 award year (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998) because the institution returned more than 10 percent of its allocation for that program for the 1995-96 award year (July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996).

DATE: *Closing Date for Submitting a Waiver Request and any Supporting Information or Documents.* For an institution that returned more than 10 percent of its Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, or FSEOG allocation for the 1995-96 award year to be considered for a waiver of the allocation reduction for its 1997-98 award year allocation, it must mail or hand-deliver its waiver request and any supporting information or documents on or before February 14, 1997. The Department will not accept a waiver request submitted by facsimile transmission. The waiver request must be submitted to the Institutional Financial Management Division at one of the addresses indicated in the following section.

ADDRESSES: *Waiver Request and any Supporting Information or Documents Delivered by Mail:* The waiver request

and any supporting information or documents delivered by mail must be addressed to Ms. Sandra Donelson, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781. 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.

If a waiver request 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.

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.

An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first class mail. An institution that submits a waiver request and any supporting information or documents after the closing date will not be considered for a waiver of the allocation reduction being applied to its allocation under any of the campus-based programs for award year 1997-98.

Waiver Requests and any Supporting Information or Documents Delivered by Hand: A waiver request and any supporting information or documents delivered by hand must be taken to Ms. Sandra Donelson, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Accounting and Financial Management Service, Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Room 4714, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. Hand-delivered waiver requests will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. A waiver request for the 1997-98 award year that is delivered by hand will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under sections 413D(e)(2), 442(e)(2), and 462(j)(4) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, if an institution returns more than 10 percent of its Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, or FSEOG allocation for an award year, the institution will have its allocation for the second succeeding award year for that program reduced by the dollar

amount returned. The Secretary may waive this requirement for a specific institution if the Secretary finds that enforcement of the requirement would be contrary to the interest of the affected campus-based program. The institution must provide a written waiver request and any supporting information or documents by the established February 14, 1997 closing date. The waiver request must be signed by an appropriate institutional official and above the signature the official must include the statement: "I certify that the information the institution provided in this waiver request is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information is subject to audit and program review by representatives of the Secretary of Education." If the institution submits a waiver request and any supporting information or documents after the closing date, the request will not be considered.

Applicable Regulations: The following regulations apply to the campus-based programs:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.
- (2) Federal Perkins Loan Program, 34 CFR Part 674.
- (3) Federal Work-Study Program, 34 CFR Part 675.
- (4) Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program, 34 CFR Part 676.
- (5) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.
- (6) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.
- (7) Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.
- (8) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical assistance concerning the waiver request or other operational procedures of the campus-based programs, contact: Ms. Sandra Donelson, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781. Telephone (202) 708-9751. 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.

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*; and 20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers: 84.007 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program; 84.033 Federal Work-Study Program; and 84.038 Federal Perkins Loan Program)

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Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP97-168-000, CP97-169-000, CP97-177-000, and CP97-178-000]

Alliance Pipeline L.P.; Notice of Applications

January 8, 1997.

Take notice that on December 24, 1996, Alliance Pipeline L.P. (Alliance), 190 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 3174, Chicago, Illinois 60603-3441, filed in Docket Nos. CP97-168-000, CP97-169-000, CP97-177-000, and CP97-178-000 applications pursuant to section 7(c) and section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and parts 284 and 157 of the Commission's regulations for: a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Commission's optional certificate procedures to construct, own, operate, and maintain natural gas pipeline facilities; authorization pursuant to section 3 of the NGA and a Presidential Permit for the siting, construction, operation, and maintenance of certain facilities for the importation of natural gas; a blanket certificate authorizing open-access firm and interruptible transportation; and blanket certificate authorization to engage in certain routine activities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

As part of a coordinated pipeline project designed to transport 1.325 Bcf per day of natural gas from Alberta/ British Columbia production areas in Canada to the midwestern United States, Alliance proposes to construct the United States portion of the pipeline facilities. Upon acceptance of the requested certification, Alliance will be a natural gas company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

In Docket No. CP97-168-000, Alliance requests authorization to construct, own, operate, and maintain 886.6 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline originating at a point of interconnection with the Canadian portion of the coordinated project at the North Dakota/

Saskatchewan border near Sherwood, Renville County, North Dakota. The proposed pipeline facilities would extend through North Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa to a terminus in Will County, Illinois. Alliance also proposes to construct seven compressor stations located in: McHenry and Barnes Counties, North Dakota; Richland, Renville, and Freeborn Counties, Minnesota; Delaware County, Iowa, and Whiteside County, Illinois. The project cost is estimated to be about \$1.3 billion. Alliance further requests pregranted abandonment of the proposed facilities, consistent with section 157.103(f) of the Commission's regulations.

In addition, Alliance states that a related gas processing plant is proposed to be constructed and operated by a non-jurisdictional affiliate, Aux Sable Liquid Products LP, in Grundy County, Illinois.

Alliance requests a Preliminary Determination on non-environmental issues by May 1, 1997, and a final order granting certificate authority on or before March 1, 1998, so that the proposed facilities can be placed in service by late 1999.

In Docket No. CP97-169-000, Alliance submitted an application pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, part 153 of the Commission's regulations, and Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038, and the Secretary of Energy's Delegation Order No. 0204-112, for section 3 authorization and a Presidential Permit to construct, operate, and maintain certain facilities for the importation of natural gas to be located at the international border between the United States of America and Canada near Sherwood, Renville County, North Dakota.

In Docket No. CP97-177-000, Alliance requests a blanket certificate under Part 284, Subpart G of the Commission's regulations. Alliance filed a *pro forma* tariff that offers firm and interruptible transportation with flexible delivery points. Alliance offers two rate options for firm transportation, negotiated or recourse rates. Shippers who choose negotiated rates would agree not to contest certain elements of the cost of service, and Alliance would agree not to change those elements for the length of the primary term and any extension under firm service agreements. Shippers who choose recourse rates would pay the rates ultimately approved by the Commission.

The Docket No. CP97-178-000, Alliance requests a blanket certificate authorizing construction operation, and

abandonment of certain facilities under Part 157, Subpart F of the Commission's regulations.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 29, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 3, 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Alliance to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Project No. 137-002-CA]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice Granting Extension of Time

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On December 26, 1996, the Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (NDEA) for the Mokelumne River Project No. 137 was issued in the Federal Register (Vol. 61 No. 249 FR 68033). The NDEA requested that any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. The