

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests.

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

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by March 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronic mailed to the internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Director of the Information Resources Management Group, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: February 19, 1997.

Gloria Parker,
Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Special Projects Grants Under Library Services for Indian Tribes and Hawaiian Natives Program

Abstract: This form allows Indian Tribes to apply for Special Projects grants under Section 404 of the Library Services for Indian Tribes and Hawaiian Natives Program, Title IV of the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended.

Additional Information: Although Library Services and Construction Act, Title IV (LSCA IV) was technically repealed by the 104th Congress and new legislation—the Library Services and Technology Act—was enacted, the LSCA IV program will continue in FY 1997. Since this continues to be a

Department program, it must again operate under the Department of Education regulations and procedures. Although this package was cleared last year, program regulations, including the evaluation criteria, have since been abolished, thus requiring this emergency clearance request.

It is essential that grant awards be made in a timely manner, allowing grantees to begin and conduct projects without delay. Also, it is essential that Library Programs staff be able to provide an acceptable level of customer service to potential applicants, providing timely responses to their technical questions concerning the competition. An emergency clearance of March 31 would ensure both an acceptable level of customer service and the timely awarding of grants.

Frequency: One time.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: responses, 75; burden hours, 600.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-185-004]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Refund Report

February 19, 1997.

Take notice that on February 5, 1997, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin Gas) tendered for filing a Refund Report showing that on January 7, 1997, it issued refunds (or surcharges) to its customers as required by the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket No. RP93-14-000.

Algonquin Gas states that the refunds totaled \$36,070.28, including \$1,006.08 in interest, and were calculated for the period May 1, 1996, to October 31, 1996.

Algonquin Gas also states that copies of the filing were served upon its customers and all interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protect said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before February 26, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the