

*Title:* Deposit of Biological Materials.  
*Form Number(s):* N/A.  
*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0022.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 3,301.25 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,300.25 responses per year. The USPTO expects that 3,300 patent applications on inventions dealing with deposits of biological materials will be filed each year. It is estimated by the USPTO that one depository will seek recognition every four years, or 0.25 depositories will seek recognition annually.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of one (1) hour for the average patent applicant respondent to collect and submit the necessary deposit information to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it will take the average depository seeking approval to store biological material an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) to gather and submit the necessary approval information to the USPTO.

*Needs and Uses:* Information on the deposit of biological materials in depositories is required for (a) the USPTO determination of compliance with 35 USC 2(b)(2), 35 USC 112, and 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.801-809, where inventions sought to be patented rely on biological material subject to the deposit requirement, including notification to the interested public on where to obtain samples of deposits; and (b) in compliance with 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.803 to demonstrate that the depositories are qualified to store and test the biological material submitted to them under patent applications. This information is used by the USPTO to determine whether or not the applicant has met the requirements of the patent regulations. In addition, the USPTO uses this information to determine the suitability of a respondent depository based upon administrative and technical competence, and the depository's agreement to comply with the requirements set forth by the USPTO. There are no forms associated with this collection of information.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and the federal government.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data

Management, Data Administration Division, (703) 308-7400, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231, or by e-mail at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before November 22, 2000 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 16, 2000.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**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, Regulatory 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.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

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

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Evaluation of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program (SC).

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 464; Burden Hours: 684.

*Abstract:* This submission is for a one-time data collection for the Evaluation of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program. The information will be used by the Department of Education to improve the design of the program, answer questions about the program, and justify its budget. There are very limited reporting requirements for this program, so the information is needed to describe consumer characteristics, services provided, and program outcomes. Most of the information will come from project directors, but there will also be interviews with project staff, tribal representatives, advisory group members, service providers, and State VR agency staff.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_IMG\\_Issues@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. *Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.*

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address [Sheila\\_Carey@ed.gov](mailto:Sheila_Carey@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. RP98-54-032]

#### Colorado Interstate Gas Company; Notice of Settlement Agreement

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 12, 2000, Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company (Cheyenne), Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU), Union Pacific Resources Company (UPR), Helmerich & Payne Inc. (Helmerich), Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (PNR), OXY USA Inc. (OXY), Eastman Dillon Oil & Gas Associates (Eastman), Amoco Production Company (Amoco), Coastal Oil and Gas Corporation (Coastal), Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron), Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), Mobil Oil Corporation (Mobil), Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko), Broadhurst Operating LP (Broadhurst), Ivy League, Inc. (IVY), Ralph H. Howard, Inc. (RHH), and Texaco Exploration and Production Inc. (Texaco) (collectively referred to as the "Signatory Parties") filed for the approval of the Commission a Settlement Agreement (Settlement) under Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure in the captioned docket. Signatory Parties state that the Settlement has the support of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, the Wyoming Public Service Commission, the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel, the Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation, Citizens Utilities Company, and Greeley Gas Company, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation. The purpose of the Settlement is to extinguish the refund liability of 351 working interest owners currently subject to refund claims by CIG of less than \$25,000 (with interest calculated through August 31, 2000) associated with the collection of Kansas *ad valorem* tax reimbursements in excess of maximum lawful prices (MLP) under the Natural Gas Policy Act. The Signatory Parties urge the Commission to approve the Settlement no later than November 28, 2000, to enable refunds to

be paid to CIG no later than December 13, 2000 under terms of said agreement. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is on file with the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. The Settlement Agreement may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Other than the Signatory Parties, the remaining 64 working interest owners, who are subject to claims by CIG of \$25,000 or more, may voluntarily participate in the Settlement by agreeing to pay specified refunds. Acquiescence in the terms of the Settlement by these working interest owners and payments under the terms of the Settlement would relieve those working interest owners of all further liability associated with the collection of Kansas *ad valorem* tax reimbursements in excess of the MLP, except where otherwise specifically agreed to in writing by the working interest owner. In addition, any claims against royalty owners for royalty-related on the CIG system by working interest owners participating in the Settlement, as well as royalty claims associated with the extinguished liability of the 351 working interest owners whose individual liabilities have been calculated at less than \$25,000, are eliminated. Non-participating working interest owners whose individual refund liability is \$25,000 or more retain their legal challenges to CIG's refund claims.

In accordance with Section 385.602(f), comments on the Settlement Agreement are due October 31, 2000, and any reply comments are due November 10, 2000.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-40-000]

#### Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership; Notice of Compliance Filing

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 11, 2000, Cove Point LNG Limited Partnership (Cove Point) filed in compliance with Order No. 587-L.

Cove Point states that it is a natural gas storage facility and has no imbalance provisions. Cove Point states that pursuant to Order Granting Clarification, issued September 28,

2000, in Docket No. RM96-1-016, Cove Point is not required to implement imbalance trading on its system.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and 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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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP01-43-000]

#### Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

October 17, 2000.

Take notice that on October 12, 2000, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, certain revised tariff sheets, proposed to be effective on November 1, 2000.

Eastern Shore states that the purpose of this filing is to make the necessary modifications to its tariff to permit imbalance trading in order to comply with the requirements of FERC Order No. 587-L.

Eastern Shore states that copies of its filing has been mailed to its customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the