

Kurzbach at (904) 232-2325; Fax 904-232-3442.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization:* The Flood Control Act, approved by Congress on 30 June 1948, authorized flood protection and other water control benefits in central and south Florida. Specific reports which relate to Alligator Lake Chain & Lake Gentry Habitat Enhancement Project portion of the Central and Southern Florida project are as follows:

(1) Public Law 858, 80th Congress, 2d Session, 30 June 1948. (The Flood Control Act of 1948 authorized project works in the Central and Southern Florida).

(2) Public Law 780, 83rd Congress, 2d Session, 3 September 1954. (The Flood Control Act of 1954 authorized the remainder of the comprehensive plan project features as specified in house Document 643.)

(3) Public Law 85-500, 85th Congress, S. 3910, 3 July 1958. (The Flood Control Act of 1958 authorized project features as specified in House Document 186.)

(4) The Kissimmee River Basin and Related Areas General Design Memorandum, Part II—Kissimmee River Comprehensive Plan.

b. *Study Area:* Located in Osceola County, as a subset of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, the Alligator Lake Chain and Lake Gentry are connected by a series of canals allowing water flow and navigation between the lakes. The South Florida Water Management District operates control structures to the north and south of the Alligator Chain to maintain flood protection around the lakes. Water from these lakes is discharged south to Lake Gentry, although more limited flow can be sent north towards Lake Joel. Parts of both Osceola and Orange Counties, Florida are affected by these lakes.

c. *Project Features and Scope:* The EIS intends to address the modification of the existing water regulation schedule for the Alligator Chain of Lakes and Lake Gentry to allow an extreme drawdown in November of 1998. The Alligator Chain of Lakes and Lake Gentry presently fluctuate over a narrower range than they did prior to the construction of the Central and South Florida project. Lake level stabilization has contributed to the rapid growth of dense nuisance vegetation in lakeshore aquatic habitat, which normally supports numerous species of fish, waterfowl, wading birds and other wildlife. The density of this vegetation continues to degrade the quality of this aquatic habitat in an atmosphere of ever increasing demand for it as a resource. The proposed

extreme drawdown for Alligator Lake Chain and Lake Gentry is required to improve the aquatic habitat. During the drawdown, approximately 4,245 acres of bottom sediment would dry and compact stimulating growth of desirable aquatic vegetation and increasing overall habitat productivity. To enhance these natural processes heavy equipment would be used by Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to remove, burn, and disc the muck and nuisance vegetation from areas where long-term lake level stabilization has resulted in aquatic habitat deterioration.

The EIS will evaluate alternative plans, including the selected alternative plan and the no-action alternative, and determine if, and to what extent, implementation of these various plans may affect the surrounding environment. Alternative plans will be developed and evaluated based on economic, engineering, and environmental considerations. Preliminary alternatives may include, but are not limited to, several water regulation schedule modifications and their effects on: Protection of adjacent lands from flooding; water supply for agricultural and commercial tropical fish farm uses; and maintenance of the resource as a quality habitat for wildlife.

d. *Scoping:* The scoping process as outlined by the Council on Environmental Quality is being utilized to involve Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian Tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties.

A Scoping Letter will be sent to interested Federal, State and local agencies, interested organizations and the public, to request their comments and concerns regarding issues they feel should be addressed in the EIS. Interested persons and organizations wishing to participate in the scoping process should contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the address above. Significant issues anticipated include: Potential impacts to commercial tropical fish farming; flood protection and water supply for the project area; effects on water based recreation activity; impacts to avian, amphibian, and/or reptilian habitat; possible species or critical habitat listed under the Endangered Species Act. Public meetings held over the course of the study will be announced in public notices and local newspapers with exact locations, dates, and times.

e. It is estimated that the EIS will be available to the public late spring 1998.

George M. Strain,

Chief, Plan Formulation Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments 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.

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 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 Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this 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 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: March 9, 1998.

Linda Tague,

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:

Responses: 10,036.

Burden Hours: 277,809.

Abstract: IPEDS constitutes the core of NCES' postsecondary education data collection program and helps NCES meet its mandate to report full and complete statistics on the condition of postsecondary education in the U.S. IPEDS provides data on a broad range of topics including postsecondary enrollments, faculty and staff, programs, degrees awarded, numbers and types of institutions, finances and information on time to degree/graduation rates. Because IPEDS is a system of surveys, it makes it possible to develop a more comprehensive perspective of postsecondary education than any single component could provide.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

Name: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee.

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 24, 1998, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Place: Nashville Convention Center, Room 205, 601 Commerce Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee is to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board on the role of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in a restructured competitive electric industry. The Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee will prepare a report for submission to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, March 24, 1998

8:30 AM–9:15 AM Opening Remarks—

The Honorable Butler Derrick,
Chairman

9:15 AM–9:45 AM Presentations

9:45 AM–10:45 AM Public Comment
Period

10:45 AM–11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM–12:30 PM Working Session

12:30 PM–1:30 PM Lunch Break

1:30 PM–2:30 PM Public Comment
Period

2:30 PM–5:00 PM Working Session

This tentative agenda is subject to change. A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a way which will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. Written comments may be

submitted to Skila Harris, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

Minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Information on the Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee may also be found at the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 6, 1998.

Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-99-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Site Visit

March 6, 1998.

On March 12, 1998, the Office of Pipeline Regulation will conduct a site visit with representatives of Algonquin Gas Transmission Company along the 1.5-mile-long E System Loop in New London County, Connecticut.

All interested parties may attend. Those planning to attend must provide their own transportation.

For further information, please contact Paul McKee at (202) 208-1611.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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