

Summary

The total number of students involved in the validity studies, above that which has already been requested in the pilot VNT collection, is 3,318 with a total burden of 7310.5 hours. Total school staff burden for these validity studies is 399 hours.

II. Request for Comments

The National Assessment Governing Board solicits comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Governing Board, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Governing Board's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action. A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20002. Comments may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to Ray_Fields@ED.GOV. Comments sent by email must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, the National Assessment Governing Board will transfer all comments received electronically into printer, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington DC 20002.

List of Subjects

Pilot tests for the voluntary national tests in 4th grade reading and 8th grade

mathematics, validity studies, and Information Collection Request.

Dated: September 11, 1998.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Availability of the Bonneville Purchasing Instructions (BPI)

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), DOE

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: Copies of the BPI which establishes the procedures BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of its purchases of goods and services, including construction, and the Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions (BFAI) which establishes the procedures BPA uses in the solicitation, award, and administration of financial assistance instruments (principally grants and cooperative agreements) are available from BPA for \$30 and \$15 each, respectively, or available without charge after October 1, 1998 at the Internet address: <http://www.bpa.gov/Corporate/GP/GP.htm>.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the BPI or BFAI may be obtained by sending a check for the proper amount to the Head of the Contracting Activity, Routing GP, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Manager, Communications, 1-800-622-4519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BPA was established in 1937 as a Federal Power Marketing Agency in the Pacific Northwest. BPA operations are financed from power revenues as opposed to annual appropriations. Its purchasing operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq. and related statutes, pursuant to these special authorities, the BPI is promulgated as a statement of purchasing policy and as a body of interpretative regulations governing the conduct of BPA purchasing activities. It is significantly different from the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and reflects BPA's private sector approach to purchasing the goods and services which it requires. The BPI is available on two 3½ inch diskettes in Microsoft's Word for Window's format in addition to the printed version. Please specify

which is desired when placing the order. BPA's financial assistance operations are conducted under 16 U.S.C. 832 et seq., and 16 U.S.C. 839 et seq. The BFAI express BPA's financial assistance policy. The BFAI also comprise BPA's rules governing implementation of the principles provided in the following OMB circulars:

A-21 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements within institutions of higher education.

A-87 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with State and local governments.

A-102 Uniform administrative requirements for grants in aid to State and local governments, and the common rule.

A-110 Grants and agreements with institutions of higher education, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations.

A-122 Cost principles applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with nonprofit organizations.

A-133 Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations.

BPA's solicitations include notice of applicability and availability of the BPI and the BFAI, as appropriate, for the information of offerors on particular purchases or financial assistance transactions.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on August 31, 1998.

Steven C. Kallio,

Manager, Corporate Purchasing and Property Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Execution of Agreements to Install Additional Wind Turbines at the Wyoming Windpower Plant

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: BPA has decided to execute one or more agreements with SeaWest Corporation, a wind developer, of San Diego, California, to install additional turbines at the Wyoming Windpower Plant in Carbon County, Wyoming. To acquire the additional output from the turbines, BPA may also execute agreements with PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, and/or others for

interconnection, wheeling, and shaping services. BPA will market the electrical output of the turbine additions and expects to execute Power Sale Agreements (PSA) with interested customers. This notice announces the availability of the ROD to execute these agreements, relying on the Kenetech/PacifiCorp Windpower Project Environmental Impact Statement (Wind Project EIS) (DOE/EIS-0255 August, 1995). BPA was a cooperating agency, with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) the lead agency, in preparation of the Wind Project EIS. BPA previously adopted the Wind Project EIS in a July 1997 ROD that was issued to execute a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to acquire a 15.32-megawatt (MW) share of nominal project capacity from the Wyoming Windpower Plant. This ROD is tiered to the July 1997 ROD.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this ROD, the July 1997 ROD, and the Wind Project EIS may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Kathy Fisher—ECP, Environmental Project Lead, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number (503) 230-4375, fax number (503) 230-5699.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on September 1, 1998.

Jack Robertson,

Acting Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-766-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

September 11, 1998.

Take notice that on September 4, 1998, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), 1400 Smith Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in docket No. CP98-766-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, and 157.212, of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212) for authorization to construct, own and operate a new delivery point in Mobile County Company, Alabama to accommodate gas deliveries to Bay Gas Storage Company, Ltd. (Bay Gas) under FGT's blanket certificate issued in

Docket No. CP82-553-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

FGT proposes to construct, own and operate the 8-inch tap that will connect to a 1.7 miles 12-inch lateral to be constructed by Bay Gas for delivery into Bay Gas' Meter Station. Bay Gas requested this additional tap into FGT's 36-inch mainline as a backup to an existing delivery lateral constructed in 1995, in the event that the Bay Gas pressure is too high for FGT to make normal deliveries though Bay Gas' facilities to serve Alabama Power Company's and Alabama Electric Company's firm and interruptible volumes, authorized under Docket No. CP98-249. FGT states that Bay Gas shall reimburse it for all construction costs of approximately \$67,300 inclusive of tax gross up.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-755-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Application

September 10, 1998.

Take notice that on September 1, 1998, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco), Post Office Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Regulations, filed an application in Docket No. CP98-755-000 for authorization to (1)

partially abandon the original certificate provided in Docket No. CP74-33 for a portion of the Rate Schedule WSS service, (2) continue to provide this abandoned portion of the individually certificated service pursuant to Transco's blanket certificate and Part 284 of the Commission's Regulations, and (3) to waive the open season provision of Transco's FERC Gas Tariff to the extent necessary to enable each converting Rate Schedule WSS shipper to retain its existing firm storage upon conversion of its service.

Transco requests that the conversions to Part 284 blanket service and the abandonment of the corresponding portion of the Rate Schedule WSS certificated service be made effective November 1, 1998 coincidentally with the November 1, 1998 proposed effective date of Transco's Section 4 tariff filing establishing the new Rate Schedule WSS-Open Access. Transco further requests the Commission issue its order in the instant docket, concurrently with authorization of the Section 4 filing, by October 1, 1998. Transco also states that it is converting a portion of its Rate Schedule WSS service to a blanket service at the request of Atlanta Gas Light Company, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation—Delaware Division, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation—Maryland Division, Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority, Penn Fuel Gas, Inc., and Southwestern Virginia Gas Company.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 21, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or to 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 participant 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 the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 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 on its designee on this