

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 7, 1996.

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 Director of the Information Resources Group 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: August 1, 1996.

Kent H. Hannaman,
Acting Director, Information Resources Group.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: National "What Works" Evaluation for Adult English-as-a-second-language (ESL) Students.

Frequency: One time only.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 1,280; Burden Hours: 563.

Abstract: The Planning and Evaluation Service is conducting a five-year study to describe and identify effective ESL instruction for adults with limited literacy skills in six states: California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Texas. Phase 1 of the evaluation, for which clearance is being sought, is a descriptive study of all adult ESL providers in these states and selected sites providing adult ESL instruction. The information from the study will be used to develop descriptive profiles of the key features of adult ESL instruction, to help identify sites for Phase 2 of the study, and to obtain respondents' perception about "what works" for low-literate, adult ESL learners. Information will be collected from ESL administrators and instructors.

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Resources Group, 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 September 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments 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, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the

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Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)—Assessment of Reading, Writing, Civics and the Arts.

Frequency: One-Time.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 87,500; Burden Hours: 45,953.

Abstract: The NAEP, known as the Nation's Report Card, is the only national representative assessment of student achievement. It collects nationally comparable assessment results which are linked to student's background characteristics, characteristics of schools and teachers. This clearance request is clearance for the 1997 field test and for the 1998 full scale study which will focus on achievement in reading, writing, and civics. In the arts, the small scale but nationally representative sample of eighth grade students will be assessed using materials which were tested in the 1995 field testing.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT96-86-000]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Refund Report

August 1, 1996

Take notice that on July 29, 1996, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing a report of pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Commission's February 22, 1996 order in Gas Research Institute (GRI), Docket No. RP95-124-000.

Algonquin states that on June 28, 1996, Algonquin received its share of the GRI refund totalling \$760,140.00.

Algonquin states that on July 12, 1996, each eligible firm customers was credited their pro rata share of the GRI refund and will be reflected on their August 7, 1996 invoice for business on Algonquin during the month of July 1996.

Algonquin states that copies of the refund report has been served upon each of its affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before August 8, 1996. 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 proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of Transco's filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. TM96-3-48-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Informal Technical Conference

August 2, 1996.

On March 1, 1996, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing Fifth Revised Sheet No. 19, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 92, and Original Sheet No. 92A of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, to be effective April 1, 1996. The purpose of this filing, according to ANR, is to comply with the annual redetermination of the levels of ANR's Transporters Use (%) as required by ANR's currently effective tariff. The result of this redetermination is an overall increase in the fuel use percentages that comprise ANR's fuel matrix applicable to transportation service on its transmission facilities. On March 28, 1996, the Commission issued a letter order which required ANR to submit certain workpapers and reconciliations of data supporting its filing. On April 29, 1996, ANR submitted the requested information.

Upon review of the information submitted by ANR, on June 28, 1996, Staff requested certain additional information. By letter dated July 12, 1996, ANR responded to Staff's data request.

Upon review of the filing herein and the additional information submitted by ANR, the Staff has determined that it will hold an informal technical conference on this matter. In addition, several other parties have requested such a conference. A technical conference will therefore be held at 1:30 p.m., August 14, 1996, at 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., in Room 3M-2A. The parties should be prepared to support their conclusions with specific references to the work papers and information that have been provided to the Commission. Questions about this conference should be directed

to Harris Wood, (202) 208-0224, or Louis Lieb (202) 208-0012.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-668-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order and Application for Certificate

August 1, 1996.

Take notice that on July 26, 1996, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), 1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE., Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, filed in Docket No. CP96-668-000 a petition pursuant to Section 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.207 (a)(2)), requesting that the Commission issue an order declaring that certain existing facilities now functionalized as gathering facilities should be refunctionalized as transmission facilities. Columbia's filing also is an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the NGA for a certificate to operate the facilities as jurisdictional transmission facilities, all as more fully set forth in the petition and application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Columbia states that, in a related application filed in Docket No. CP96-386-000 on April 29, 1996, to spin-down certain of its gathering facilities to Columbia Natural Resources, Inc. (CNR), it mentioned that it would be filing the instant petition to refunctionalize certain gathering facilities to transmission. Columbia advises that some of these facilities are located between facilities to be sold to CNR and Columbia's transmission facilities. Columbia comments that such refunctionalization would eliminate the possibility that a shipper would pay gathering charges to both CNR and Columbia if, prior to the proposed abandonment, only one such gathering charge would have been paid.

Further, Columbia states that, since the following facilities for which it seeks refunctionalization would serve a transmission function, Columbia is requesting that they be certificated as jurisdictional transmission facilities:

Complete pipeline	Partial pipeline	Measuring station	Regulator station	Compressor station
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