

Dated: December 22, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

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

**Office of the Under Secretary**

Type of Review: New.

*Title:* Follow-up Study to the National Evaluation of Homeless Children and Youth Program.

*Frequency:* One time.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 193

Burden Hours: 209

*Abstract:* This study will follow-up on a previous evaluation of state and local efforts to serve the educational needs of homeless children and youth that was conducted during the first few months of 1994 and released in 1995. This follow-up study will gather data on the activities being conducted under the McKinney Act by state and local educational agencies to serve the educational and related needs of homeless children and youth, and on changes that have occurred since the program was reauthorized by the Improving America's Schools Act in 1994. Respondents to the survey are State Coordinators of Education for Homeless Children and Youth. School district administrators, school staff, human services providers, McKinney subgrant coordinators, and homelessness liaisons will be interviewed during site visits to LEAs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Federal Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting (FICC)**

**AGENCY:** Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council, and invites people to participate. Notice of this meeting is required under section 685(c) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The meeting will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, January 22, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, January 23, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**ADDRESS:** Columbia Room of the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Libby Doggett or Kim Lawrence, U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, S.W., Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644. Telephone: 202-205-8428 or 202-205-5507. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call 202-205-9754.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC) is established under section 685 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1484a). The Council is established to: (1) Minimize duplication across Federal, State and local agencies of programs and activities relating to early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and preschool services for children with disabilities; (2) ensure effective coordination of Federal early intervention and preschool programs, including Federal technical assistance and support activities; and (3) identify gaps in Federal agency programs and services and barriers to Federal interagency cooperation. To meet these purposes, the FICC seeks to: (1) Identify areas of conflict, overlap, and omissions in interagency policies related to the provision of services to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities; (2) develop and implement joint policy interpretations on issues related to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers that cut across Federal agencies, including modifications of regulations to eliminate barriers to interagency programs and activities; and (3) coordinate the provision of technical assistance and dissemination of best practice information. The FICC is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

At this meeting the FICC plans to set priorities for the next three years and discuss changes to the FICC dictated by the 1997 amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Individuals are invited to come and participate in the planning process. Because the sequence of planning activities builds over two days, individuals are asked to participate in all steps and attend the entire meeting. Those who attend the meeting will be asked to take an active role in the planning process and make a commitment to participating in the ongoing work of one of the action teams.

Individuals wishing to participate are asked to call Kim Lawrence at 202-205-

8428 (voice) or 202-205-9754 (TDD) by January 12 to reserve a space and request a packet of planning materials. The meeting of the FICC is open to the public and will be physically accessible. Anyone requiring accommodations such as materials in Braille, large print, or cassette please call Kim Lawrence at (202) 205-8428 ten days in advance of the meeting. Interpreters for persons who are hearing impaired will be available.

Summary minutes of the FICC meetings will be maintained and available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, 330 C Street, S.W., Room 3080, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2644, from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays, except Federal Holidays.

**Judith E. Heumann,**

*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES AND TIMES:** January 23, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Karelis, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3100, ROB #3, Washington, D.C. 20202-5175. Telephone: (202) 708-5750. Individuals who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday).

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established under Section 1001 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980, Title X (20 U.S.C. 1131a-1). The National Board of the Fund is authorized to recommend to the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education priorities for funding and approval or disapproval of grants of a given kind.

The meeting of the National Board is open to the public. The National Board will meet on Friday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to provide an overview of the Fund's current competition progress, and to discuss the planning of several other funding initiatives.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt

to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Room 3100, Regional Office Building #3, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202 from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders authorizing, transferring and/or vacating various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 17, 1997.

**Wayne E. Peters,**

*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Fossil Energy**

[FE Docket Nos. 97-80-NG et al.]

**Sierra Pacific Power Company et al.; Orders Granting, Transferring and Vacating Blanket Authorizations To Import and/or Export Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

APPENDIX.—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-year maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
<b>Doe/FE Authority</b>					
1328 .....	11/06/97	Sierra Pacific Power Company 97-80-NG	95 Bcf .....	.....	Import from Canada.
1331 .....	11/06/97	Texas-Ohio Energy, Inc. (Formerly Texas-Ohio Gas Inc.) 97-95-NG.	100 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada beginning July 11, 1997, through July 10, 1999.
1333 .....	11/10/97	Southern California Edison Company 97-98-NG.	100 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada beginning November 1, 1997, through October 31, 1999.
1334 .....	11/14/97	Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. 97-96-NG .....	20 Bcf .....	20 Bcf .....	Import and export from and to Canada beginning December 23, 1997, through December 22, 1999.
1335 .....	11/19/97	Sumas Cogeneration Company, L.P. 97-101-NG.	17.8 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada.
1336 .....	11/20/97	Husky Gas Marketing Inc. 97-97-NG .....	200 Bcf ...	.....	Import from Canada.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER98-181-000]

**Howard/Avista Energy, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order**

December 22, 1997.

Howard/Avista Energy, LLC (Howard/Avista) filed an application for authorization to sell power at market-

based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, Howard/Avista requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities by Howard/Avista. On December 15, 1997, the Commission issued an Order Conditionally Accepting For Filing Proposed Market-Based Rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceeding.

The Commission's December 15, 1997 Order granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the conditions found in Ordering Paragraphs (D), (E), and (G):

(D) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by Howard/Avista 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.

(E) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (E) above, Howard/Avista is hereby authorized to issue securities