

1989), and OMB Circular A-130, the following information is provided:

### 1. Names of Participating Agencies

The Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### 2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of the match is to verify the status of applicants for financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) who claim to be veterans.

The Secretary of Education is authorized by the HEA to administer the Title IV programs and to enforce the terms and conditions of the HEA. The Secretary has the authority to treat veterans as independent applicants, and those who claim veteran status do not have to provide parental income and asset information to apply for Title IV, HEA program assistance.

Section 480(c) of the HEA defines the term "veteran" to mean any individual who (A) has engaged in the active duty in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard; and (B) was released under a condition other than dishonorable. Section 480(d)(3) of the HEA enables an applicant who claims veteran status (as defined in subsection (c)(1)) to meet the definition of an independent student for purposes of Title IV, HEA program assistance eligibility.

### 3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Section 480(c) and (d)(3) of the HEA; Title 38, U.S.C., section 210(c), as amended by section 501(a) and (b).

### 4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

ED will provide the Social Security Number and other identifying information of each applicant who indicates that he or she is a veteran. This information will be extracted from the Federal Student Aid Application File system of records (18-40-0014). The ED data will be matched against the Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Location Subsystem—VA (38VA23).

### 5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective on January 1, 1999, or 40 days after a copy of the computer matching agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency, is sent to Congress and OMB, unless OMB objects to some or all of the agreement, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching

program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 522a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

### 6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program including a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and VA should contact Sr. Bernardine Hayes, Program Specialist, Policy Development Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW (Room 3045, ROB-3), Washington, DC 20202-5447. Telephone (202) 708-8242. Written comments should be submitted to Sr. Hayes at this address. 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.

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Dated: October 6, 1998.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Publication Activities

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of comments on proposed termination of an electronic publication bulletin board service known as "EPUB".

**SUMMARY:** The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments from the public on its proposal to terminate EPUB, effective December 31, 1998. All data files that are currently maintained on EPUB are also available on the Internet website "http://www.eia.doe.gov."

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted in writing on or before November 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Jacob Bournazian, EI-42, Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585-0650, (202) 586-1256, e-mail [Jacob.Bournazian@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Jacob.Bournazian@eia.doe.gov), and fax (202) 586-4913.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Jacob Bournazian at the address listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

#### I. Background

In order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275) and the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91), the EIA is obliged to carry out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program. As part of this program, EIA collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates data and information related to energy resource reserves, production, demand, and technology, and related economic and statistical information relevant to the adequacy of energy resources to meet demands in the near and longer term future for the Nation's economic and social needs. In disseminating data,

EIA maintains an electronic publication bulletin board system known as EPUB. Since 1990, the general public has accessed selected energy data from EPUB, free of charge, 24 hours a day.

## II. Current Actions

The EIA proposes to discontinue the electronic publication bulletin board system known as EPUB, effective December 31, 1998. This publication system is a menu-driven bulletin board type service for the general public to electronically access selected EIA data. All of the data files that are currently maintained on EPUB are also available to the general public through the Internet on the EIA website "http://www.eia.doe.gov." The general public has significantly increased its use of the EIA home page on the Internet to access EIA data. As a result, the use of EPUB has declined over the last 5 years. In order to reduce duplication and costs, EIA proposes to eliminate EPUB in favor of Internet.

## III. Request for Comments

Current and prospective users of the EPUB, and other interested parties, are invited to comment on the actions discussed in item II. EIA will carefully consider all comments regarding the use of the EPUB and alternative ways for users to electronically access EIA data.

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**Lynda T. Carlson,**

*Director, Statistics and Methods Group,  
Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Research

#### Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is given of a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 5, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, November 6, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. David Thomassen (301-903-9817;

david.thomassen@oer.doe.gov), and Ms. Shirley Derflinger (301-903-0044; shirley.derflinger@oer.doe.gov), Designated Federal Officers, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, ER-70, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director of Energy Research of the Department of Energy on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the biological and environmental research program.

*Tentative Agenda: Thursday, November 5, 1998, and Friday, November 6, 1998*

- Welcoming Remarks
- Opening of Meeting
- Remarks from Director, Office of Energy Research
- Update on Office of Biological and Environmental Research Activities
- Review of Subcommittee Activities
- New Business
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

*Public Participation:* The day and a half meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Thomassen or Shirley Derflinger at the address or telephone numbers listed above. Requests to make oral statements must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include the statement in the agenda. The Chair of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, IE-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-51-000]

#### Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

October 7, 1998.

Take notice that on October 2, 1998, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) submitted for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets to become effective November 2, 1998:

First Revised Sheet No. 658A  
First Revised Sheet No. 658B  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 659  
Third Revised Sheet No. 660  
Third Revised Sheet No. 662  
Second Revised Sheet No. 715

Algonquin asserts that the above listed tariff sheets are being filed to comply with Order No. 587-H, Final Rule Adopting Standards for Intra-day Nominations and Order Establishing Implementation Date (Order No. 587-H) issued on July 15, 1998, in Docket No. RM96-1-008.

Algonquin states that the above listed tariff sheets reflect Version 1.3 standards promulgated by the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) which were adopted by the Commission and incorporated by reference in the Commission's Regulations.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin 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, N.E. Washington, D.C. 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 are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

**David P. Boergers,**  
*Secretary.*

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