

unsupported personnel costs and unsupported fringe benefit, training, and other costs disallowed by the PDL are allowable. After consideration of this documentation and analysis, the Department proposes to compromise the claim of \$684,299 for \$607,906.08; nearly 90% of the amount disallowed by the Director in the PDL.

Based on the amount that would be repaid by CUSD 300 under the proposed settlement agreement, the documentation CUSD 300 submitted during settlement discussions, and the litigation risks and costs of proceeding through the administrative and, possibly, court process for this appeal, the Department has determined that it would not be practical or in the public interest to continue this proceeding. Rather, under the authority in 20 U.S.C. 1234a(j), the Department has determined that compromise of this claim for \$607,906.08 is appropriate.

The public is invited to comment on the Department's intent to compromise this claim. Additional information may be obtained by calling or writing to Ronald B. Petracca, Esq. at the telephone number and address listed at the beginning of this document.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1234a(j).

Dated: January 23, 2003.

Jack Martin,

Chief Financial Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Special Education Programs, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed extension of project period and waiver.

SUMMARY: The Secretary proposes to waive the requirements in Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), at 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a), that generally prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and project extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds to enable the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers to receive funding from April 1, 2003, until September 30, 2003.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before March 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposal to Debra Sturdivant or Donna Fluke, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 3527, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2641. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: Debra.Sturdivant@ed.gov or Donna.Fluke@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Sturdivant, Telephone: (202) 205-8038, or Donna Fluke, Telephone: (202) 205-9161.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation to Comment

We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed extension of project period and waiver.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this extension of project period and waiver in Room 3414, Switzer Building, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this proposed extension of project period and waiver. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, you may call (202) 205-8113 or (202) 260-9895. If you use a TDD, you may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Background

On July 29, 2002, we published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 49014-49015) a notice of extension of project period and waiver. In this notice we announced that the Secretary intends to redesign the technical assistance component of the Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities program and provide funding in fiscal year 2003. The notice of waiver and extension of project period was issued to enable the current technical assistance provider, the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers Project to receive funding from October 1, 2002, until March 31, 2003. The grant for the ALLIANCE expired, after a 5-year project period, on September 30, 2002.

Technical assistance is provided on an ongoing basis to parent centers, and it would be contrary to the public interest to have any service lapses for the parent centers being served by the current grantee.

Reasons

We have determined that an additional period of time is needed for redesigning the technical assistance component. To avoid any lapse in service for the intended beneficiaries before the redesigned technical assistance component can be fully implemented, the Secretary proposes to fund this project until September 30, 2003. However, to do so, the Secretary must waive the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(c)(2), which prohibit project periods exceeding 5 years and period extensions that involve the obligation of additional Federal funds. We are proposing a waiver at this time in order to give the affected grantee early notice of the availability of an additional six months of funding.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the proposed waiver and extension of the project period will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial

number of small entities. The only small entity that would be affected is the PACER Center, Inc., which operates the Technical Assistance ALLIANCE for Parent Centers project.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This extension and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive Order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.328, Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities.)

Dated: January 27, 2003.

Robert H. Pasternack,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 2002-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Weapons Laboratory Support of the Defense Nuclear Complex

AGENCY: Department of Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2002-2, concerning weapons Laboratory support of the DOE nuclear complex at Department of Energy Defense Nuclear Facilities was published in the **Federal Register** on October 10, 2002 (67 FR 63081). On November 21, 2002 the Secretary requested a 45-Day Extension to respond. In accordance with section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the Secretary transmitted the following response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on January 8, 2003.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before February 7, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen L. Boardman, Director, Office of Complex Readiness, Albuquerque Operations Office, Pennsylvania & H Street, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM 87116.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 8, 2003.

Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

January 8, 2003.

The Honorable John T. Conway,
Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Dear Mr. Chairman: On October 3, 2002, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) issued recommendation 2002-2, Weapons Laboratory Support of the Defense Nuclear Complex. The Department agrees that providing the defense nuclear complex with appropriate support is an essential priority. We also recognize that "one-size-fits-all" organizational structures and systems are not appropriate for our weapons laboratories.

The Department accepts recommendation 2002-2 and will develop an implementation plan to accomplish the following:

- We will re-emphasize the policy that the nuclear weapons program is the top priority among all activities at the weapons laboratories.
- Each weapons laboratory will review its existing processes for assigning individuals as the senior point of contact for each weapons system and ensure that selection criteria, training and mentoring, and succession planning are in place. Personnel management is an internal process of the weapons laboratories and should not be

prescribed by the Department. However, the Department will ensure that the end result is that senior technically competent individuals are assigned as the point of contact for each weapons system. A list of senior individuals assigned as the point of contact of each weapon system will be provided.

- Each weapons laboratory will review its existing management system and demonstrate that through the appropriate alignment of a combination of internal organizational structure, programs, and procedures that the roles and responsibilities of each weapons point of contact are clearly defined. The point of contact for each weapon will be empowered to direct appropriate resources to ensure the safety of operations in the nuclear weapons complex within his/her assigned weapon system or have direct access to the management authority to acquire the necessary support.

- The Department will establish and staff a Federal function at each site office managing a weapons laboratory contract to ensure that the laboratory support requirements related to safety of operations of the defense nuclear weapons complex are being tracked and met. For this function, the National Nuclear Security Administration reengineering will clarify the roles and responsibilities and the contractual lines of authority for providing direction and resolving competing requirements for resources.

I have designated Ms. Karen Boardman as the responsible manager for developing the Department's implementation plan for this recommendation. Ms. Boardman may be reached at (505) 845-6039.

Sincerely,

Signed by Secretary Spencer Abraham.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2597]

Northeast Generation Company (Proposed To Be Combined With Project No. 2576); Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 24, 2003.

On August 31, 1999, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, licensee for the Falls Village Project No. 2597, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2597 is located on the Housatonic River in Litchfield County, Connecticut. The application proposes to combine Project No. 2597 with the licensed Housatonic Project No. 2576. The application further requests that the Commission issue a single new license for both