**DATES:** Monday, September 19; Tuesday, September 20; and Wednesday, September 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The NRAC study meeting will take place in the Didactic Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School, 699 Dyer Rd., Monterey, CA 93943, Phone: 831–656–2098, Fax: 831–656–2038.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William H. Ellis, Jr., Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 875 North Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22203–1955, 703–696–5775.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Access instructions for the public:

All guests must notify the NRAC office of their intention of attending one or more days of the meeting. Please submit the following information via FAX to the NRAC office no later than Thursday, September 15, 2011: Full name, last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN), contact address, contact telephone, citizenship.

A list of potential visitors will be provided to the security personnel at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPGS). Please present two forms of identification and request the security officer to search for your name on the visitor access roster for the NRAC meeting. All guests must have at least two forms of government issued identification. All guests will be limited to only those areas related to the study meeting activities. All guests will be required to leave NPGS upon completion of the NRAC activities open to the public, unless otherwise authorized to remain aboard military installations (Active duty, Retirees, etc.).

Please forward this information to the below NRAC staff:

Mr. William Ellis, NRAC Program Director, william.h.ellis@navy.mil; FAX: 703–696–4837 or Mr. Miguel Becerril, NRAC Program Manager, Miguel.becerril.ctr@navy.mil; FAX: 703–696–4837.

Due to internal DoD difficulties, beyond the control of the Naval Research Advisory Committee or its Designated Federal Officer, the Board was unable to process the Federal Register notice for the September 19–21, 2011 meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee as required by 41 CFR § 102–3.150(a). Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

Dated: September 7, 2011.

#### Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

# Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education. **ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, 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 November 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section** 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: September 7, 2011.

#### Darrin King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

# Office of Communications and Outreach

Type of Review: NEW.
Title of Collection: Green Ribbon
Schools Application Package.
OMB Control Number: Pending.
Agency Form Number(s): N/A.
Frequency of Responses: Annually.
Affected Public: State Educational
Agencies, Local Educational Agencies or
Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 61,108.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 38,764.

Abstract: U.S. Department of Education (ED)—Green Ribbon Schools is a recognition award that will recognize public and private elementary, middle and high schools that save energy, reduce costs, protect health, foster wellness, feature environmentally sustainable learning spaces, and offer effective environmental education.

ED will request information from nominating authorities documenting their evaluation of schools according to the following categories: (1) Environmental impact and energy efficiency; (2) healthy environment; and (3) environmental literacy. This information will be used at the Department to conduct final review to ensure schools meet eligibility requirements, including compliance with applicable federal civil rights and federal, state and local health, environment and safety statutory and regulatory requirements; meet high college- and career-ready academic standards; and are among the highest performing in the three areas provided, according to the practices and metrics indicated.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from http://edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4713. When you access the information collection,

click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Notice of Interim Approval

**AGENCY:** Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy confirmed and approved, on an interim basis, Rate Schedules JW-1–J and JW-2–F. The rates were approved on an interim basis up to September 19, 2016, and are subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on a final basis.

**DATES:** Approval of rates on an interim basis is effective September 20, 2011.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virgil G. Hobbs III, Assistant Administrator, Finance and Marketing, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, Georgia 30635– 6711, (706) 213–3800. Relevant documents and transcripts are available for inspection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission, by Order issued April 15, 2010, in Docket No. EF09–3031–000, confirmed and approved Wholesale Power Rate Schedules JW–1–I and JW–2–F. Rate schedule JW–1–J replaces rate schedule JW–1–I and rate schedule JW–2–F is extended up to September 19, 2016.

Dated: September 2, 2011.

#### Daniel B. Poneman,

Deputy Secretary.

## **Department of Energy**

Deputy Secretary

Rate Order No. SEPA-54

In the Matter of: Southeastern Power Administration—Jim Woodruff Project Power Rates

#### Order Confirming and Approving Power Rates on an Interim Basis

Pursuant to Sections 302(a) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, the functions of the Secretary of the Interior and the Federal Power Commission under Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 16 U.S.C. 825s, relating to the Southeastern Power Administration ("Southeastern" or "SEPA") were transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Energy. By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00, effective December 6, 2001, the Secretary of Energy delegated to Southeastern's Administrator the authority to develop power and transmission rates, delegated to the Deputy Secretary of Energy the authority to confirm, approve, and place in effect such rates on an interim basis, and delegated to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission") the authority to confirm, approve, and place into effect on a final basis or to disapprove rates developed by the Administrator under the delegation. This rate order is issued by the Deputy Secretary pursuant to said delegation.

## **Background**

Power from the Jim Woodruff Project is presently sold under Wholesale Power Rate Schedules JW–1–I and JW–2–F. These rate schedules were approved by the Commission on April 15, 2010, for a period ending September 19, 2014 (131 FERC ¶62,044).

#### Public Notice and Comment

Southeastern prepared a Power Repayment Study, dated January 2011, showing revenues at current rates were adequate to meet repayment criteria. However, the Jim Woodruff preference customers asked Southeastern to revise the rates to include a pass-through of purchased power expenses. The proposed capacity and energy charge reduction to the preference customers will be completely recovered through this separate, pass-through charge to the affected customers. This rate structure revision will result in no net loss of revenue and will fully meet system repayment criteria. On February 17,

2011, by Federal Register notice (76 FR 9349), Southeastern proposed a rate adjustment. The notice also announced a Public Information and Comment Forum to be held March 29, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida. Three parties asked questions at the forum. Responses to the questions are part of the written record of the forum, and a transcript of the forum is available at Southeastern Power Administration (see FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION CONTACT** section). The transcript of the forum is part of the record to be filed with the Commission and will be available on the Commission's Web site at http:// www.ferc.gov. Written comments were accepted on or before May 18, 2011. Written comments were received from one source the Southeastern Federal Power Customers.

#### Staff Review of Comments

Written comments received from the Southeastern Federal Power Customers are summarized below. Southeastern's response follows each comment.

*Comment 1:* The Jim Woodruff preference customers support the revised rate design SEPA has prepared.

Response 1: The rate schedules
Southeastern will propose to the Deputy
Secretary will include the pass-through
of purchased power expenses as
discussed with the preference
customers.

Comment 2: While the preference customers of the Jim Woodruff support the overall rate structure, including the new pass through mechanism for purchased power expenses, they have concerns regarding the assumptions for the Operations and Maintenance ("O&M") expenses. In materials provided by SEPA on April 25th, the Corps 2011 projections revealed projected expenses for joint activities not specific to a single business function had increased by more than three hundred percent for each year until 2015. While preference customers throughout the Southeast have long questioned the practices of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") in assigning various costs of the Corps program to this "catch-all" account, there appears to be no basis for a three hundred percent increase in joint use

Response 2: From fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2010, Joint O&M allocated to power increased from \$664,000 to \$1,653,000, primarily as a result of improvement projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The estimated Joint O&M allocated to power included in the repayment study used to support the proposed rates, set forth below, are similar to the