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List of Subjects

Pilot tests for the voluntary national tests in 4th grade reading and 8th grade mathematics and Information Collection Requests.

Dated: June 25, 1998.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

Hazel Fiers,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review:

Title: Application for Seven Foreign Language and Area Studies Programs.

Frequency: Annually or Every 3 Years.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 469; Burden Hours: 43,213.

Abstract: Collect program and budget information to make grants to institution of higher education. This information collection falls under the streamlined process for discretionary grants under OMB Control Number 1890-0001.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Local Implementation of Federal Programs.

Frequency: One time.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 849; Burden Hours: 872.

Abstract: The Department of Education is charged with evaluating Title I of ESEA and other elementary and secondary education legislation enacted by the 103rd Congress. These studies will collect information on the operations and effects at the district level of legislative provisions and federal assistance, in the context of state education reform efforts. Findings will

be used in reporting to Congress and improving information dissemination. Respondents are local superintendents, directors of federal programs, directors of research and assessment, and school principals.

No comments were received during the 60-day comment period. Minor revisions have been made to the instrument during the interim. There are two differences between the earlier version of the survey and the revised version being submitted to OMB, the are as follows:

(1) The original survey addressed a wide range of topics concerning the implementation of federal programs, with emphasis on data use, cross-program coordination, intergovernmental relations, and services to homeless children and youth. The revised survey is more focused on data needed for ED reporting to Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). It incorporates a number of data elements required in the Department's Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plans. Questions about services to homeless children and youth have been dropped, and the number of questions about intergovernmental relations and the implementation of specific federal programs has been reduced.

(2) The revised version required a smaller sample. Rather than drawing a large random sample of approximately 1500 districts stratified by poverty and district size as previously planned, the instrument will now draw a smaller random sample of 789 districts that will permit national estimates, but not estimates for distinct strata. Additionally, the entire sample of districts in the ED Study of Education Resources and Funding is being incorporated into this sample so that the two studies can share key data elements.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-406-000]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

June 25, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference will be convened in this proceeding on Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E.,

Washington, DC, 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above-reference docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, please contact William J. Collins at (202) 208-0248.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-619-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation; Notice of Application

June 25, 1998.

Take notice that on June 17, 1998, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia), a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-1046, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act, as amended, for permission and approval to abandon certain natural gas services, as more fully described in the application.

Columbia proposes to abandon from service Munderf Storage Field and transmission pipelines 4393 and 4394, all located in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. Due to the deteriorating condition of the casing in the only well (Munderf Storage Well 552) in Munderf Storage field and at the recommendation of the State of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Columbia plugged Well 552 on July 13, 1994. Columbia has determined that because of changes in market requirements, sources of supply and transmission facilities in the Munderf area, that current and future market requirements can be met without the Munderf Storage Field. Columbia has also determined that with the abandonment of Munderf Storage Field, transmission lines 4393 and 4394, consisting of 677 feet of 4-inch diameter pipeline, will no longer be needed. The estimated net debit to accumulated provision for depreciation for both the storage field and lines is \$138,475.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 16, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Columbia to appear or be represented at the hearing.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2580-000]

HDI Associates III; Notice of Withdrawal

June 25, 1998.

Take notice that on June 22, 1998, HDI Associates III tendered for filing Notice of Withdrawal of its filing made on April 17, 1998, in Docket No. ER98-2580-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to 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 216 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.216). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before July 7, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-2581-000]

HDI Associates III; Notice of Withdrawal

June 25, 1998.

Take notice that on June 22, 1998, HDI Associates III tendered for filing Notice of Withdrawal of its filing made on April 17, 1998, in Docket No. ER98-2581-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 216 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.216). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before July 7, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine 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.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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