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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: March 11, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Assessment of Technical Assistance Needs of Postsecondary Institutions Serving Persons Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

*Abstract:* This data collection is required by the Final Funding Priority (84.078A), paragraph (a): that the four regional centers "conduct assessments of the technical assistance needs of postsecondary education institutions related to recruiting; enrolling; retaining; instructing; addressing the varying communication needs and methods used by individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, including those from language minorities; and, otherwise effectively serving students who are deaf and hard of hearing." The data will enable the centers to plan technical assistance strategies.

*Additional Information:* The four centers coordinating this survey will need the requested information returned to them by May 15, 1997.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 2,428.

Burden Hours: 1,214.

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## Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, 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 May 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., 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 Director, Information Resources Management Group 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.

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Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office for Civil Rights

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Fall 1997 Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report

*Frequency:* Biennially.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* Responses: 63,425.

Burden Hours: 295,700.

*Abstract:* The Elementary and Secondary School Civil Rights Compliance Report is the vehicle for the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, to acquire source material in the form of data and information regarding civil rights compliance issues in the nation's public elementary and secondary schools. Information from the E & S Compliance Report is used by regional OCR staff when they consider public school districts for compliance reviews, and a source material when civil rights compliant investigations are conducted.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

[Docket No. FE C&E 97-01—Certification Notice—154]

### Pasadena Cogeneration; Notice of Filing of Coal Capability Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing.

**SUMMARY:** On February 28, 1997, Pasadena Cogeneration L.P. submitted a coal capability self-certification pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Fuels Programs, Fossil Energy, Room

3F-056, FE-52, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the Federal Register that a certification has been filed. The following owner/operator of the proposed new baseload powerplant has filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

*Owner:* Pasadena Cogeneration L.P.

*Operator:* Pasadena Cogeneration L.P.

*Location:* Harris County, Texas.

*Plant Configuration:* Combined cycle, topping-cycle cogeneration.

*Capacity:* 240 megawatts.

*Fuel:* Natural gas.

*Purchasing Entities:* Philips

Petroleum Co. and Houston Lighting & Power Co.

*In-Service Date:* October 31, 1998.

Issued in Washington, D.C., March 11, 1997.

Anthony J. Como,

*Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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[Docket No. FE-R-79-43B]

**Electric and Gas Utilities Covered in 1997 by Titles I and III of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and Requirements for State Regulatory Authorities to Notify the Department of Energy**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Sections 102(c) and 301(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies

Act of 1978 (PURPA) require the Secretary of Energy to publish a list, before the beginning of each calendar year, identifying each electric utility and gas utility to which Titles I and III of PURPA apply during such calendar year. In addition, sections 102(c) and 301(d) of PURPA require each State regulatory authority to notify the Secretary of Energy of each electric utility and gas utility on the list for which such State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority. Written comments are requested on the accuracy of the list of electric and gas utilities. This Notice is to announce the availability of the 1997 list.

The list is available both in hard copy and electronically. The hard copy version of the 1997 list is being provided by mail to all state regulatory authorities. Other parties interested in receiving the hard copy list may contact the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** identified below. In addition, the Office of Coal & Energy Systems operates an electronic bulletin board as a service to commercial and government users, as well as the general public. The 1997 list is also available by accessing the bulletin board.

**DATES:** Notifications by State regulatory authorities and written comments must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 16, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Notifications and written comments should be forwarded to: Department of Energy, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, FE-52, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3F-070, Docket No. FE-R-79-43B, Washington, D.C. 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Mintz, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3F-070, FE-52, Washington, D.C. 20585, Telephone 202/586-9506.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Pursuant to sections 102(c) and 301(d) of PURPA, Pub. L. 95-617, 92 Stat. 3117 *et seq.* (16 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, hereinafter referred to as the Act) the Department of Energy (DOE) is required to publish a list of utilities to which Titles I and III of PURPA apply in 1997.

State regulatory authorities are required by the Act to notify the Secretary of Energy as to their ratemaking authority over the listed utilities. The inclusion or exclusion of any utility on or from the list does not affect the legal obligations of such utility or the responsible authority under the Act.

The term "State regulatory authority" means any State, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, or a political subdivision thereof, and any agency or instrumentality, which has authority to fix, modify, approve, or disapprove rates with respect to the sale of electric energy or natural gas by any utility (other than such State agency). In the case of a utility for which the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has ratemaking authority, the term "State regulatory authority" means the TVA.

Title I of PURPA sets forth ratemaking and regulatory policy standards with respect to electric utilities. Section 102(C) of Title I requires the Secretary of Energy to publish a list, before the beginning of each calendar year, identifying each electric utility to which Title I applies during such calendar year. An electric utility is defined as any person, State agency, or Federal agency that sells electric energy. An electric utility is covered by Title I for any calendar year if it had total sales of electric energy, for purposes other than resale, in excess of 500 million kilowatt-hours during any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1975, and before the immediately preceding calendar year. An electric utility is covered in 1997 if it exceeded the threshold in any year from 1976 through 1995.

Title III of PURPA addresses ratemaking and other regulatory policy standards with respect to natural gas utilities. Section 301(d) of Title III requires the Secretary of Energy to publish a list, before the beginning of each calendar year, identifying each gas utility to which Title III applies during such calendar year. A gas utility is defined as any person, State agency, or Federal agency, engaged in the local distribution of natural gas and the sale of natural gas to any ultimate consumer of natural gas. A gas utility is covered by Title III if it had total sales of natural gas, for purposes other than resale, in excess of 10 billion cubic feet during any calendar year beginning after December 31, 1975, and before the immediately preceding calendar year. A gas utility is covered in 1997 if it exceeded the threshold in any year from 1976 through 1995.

In compiling the list published today, the DOE revised the 1996 list (60 FR 67133, December 28, 1995) upon the assumption that all entities included on the 1996 list are properly included on the 1997 list unless the DOE has information to the contrary. In doing this, the DOE took into account information included in public documents regarding entities which exceeded the PURPA thresholds for the