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Dated: April 15, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Title: Economic Hardship Deferment Request Form.

Abstract: This form is the means by which a borrower applies for a deferment of repayment of the principal balance on a loan for reasons of economic hardship and by which the lender or loan servicer determines whether a borrower is entitled to the postponement of payments.

Additional Information: The Education Department works with a committee, which includes representatives of guaranty agencies, eligible lenders, participating institutions of higher education and organizations involved in student financial assistance, regarding the standardization and simplification of the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program deferment process. This is one result of these efforts.

Frequency: On Occasion.

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

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,148,818.

Burden Hours: 183,811.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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 June 20, 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, 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 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.

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: April 15, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Director, Information Resources Management Group.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Status Report on Homeless Children and Youth from State Educational Agencies under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Frequency: Triennially.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 54.

Burden Hours: 4,590.

Abstract: State educational agencies will submit information to the Department regarding numbers and allocations of homeless children and youth, problems relating to the access of appropriate public education and the difficulties in identifying their special needs. The Department will use this information to report to Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-171-003]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

April 15, 1997.

Take notice that on April 10, 1997, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, tariff sheets to be effective June 1, 1997.

ANR states that the purpose of this filing is to submit revised tariff sheets which were previously filed as pro forma sheets and approved in the Commission's order issued February 14, 1997 in Docket No. RP97-171-000 to conform with the GISB Standards incorporated by Order Nos. 587 et al., Standards for Business Practices of Interstate Natural Gas Pipelines. Due to an administrative oversight the revised tariff sheets were omitted from an April 1, 1997 filing tendered in compliance with the February 14, 1997 order. Accordingly, such sheets are tendered in the instant filing in compliance with the Commission's February 14, 1997 order in this docket.

ANR states that copies of the filing have been mailed to all affected

customers and state regulatory commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before April 30, 1997. 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 proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER97-1621-000]

Columbia Energy Services Corporation; Notice of Issuance of Order

April 16, 1997.

Columbia Energy Services Corporation (CESC) submitted for filing a rate schedule under which CESC will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions as a marketer. CESC also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, CESC requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR Part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by CESC.

On March 28, 1997, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director, Division of Applications, Office of Electric Power Regulation, granted requests for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the following:

Within thirty days of the date of the order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by CESC 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 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214).

Absent a request for hearing within this period, CESC is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as a guarantor, endorser,

surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the applicant, and compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of CESC's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is April 28, 1997. Copies of the full text of the order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP96-128-000 and RP97-231-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Technical Conference

April 15, 1997.

Take notice that a technical conference will be convened in the above-docketed proceeding on Thursday, April 24, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., in a room to be designated at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20426. Any party, as defined in 18 CFR 385.10(c), any person seeking intervenor status pursuant to 18 CFR 385.214, and any participant, as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to participate.

For additional information, please contact Carolyn Van Der Jagt, 202-208-2246, or Tom Gooding, 202-208-1123, at the Commission.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-32-000 and CP97-128-000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

April 15, 1997.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Thursday, April 24, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced dockets.

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, contact Thomas J. Burgess at (202) 208-2058 or Robert A. Young at (202) 208-5705.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-328-000]

Florida Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

April 15, 1997.

Take notice that on April 10, 1997, Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1 the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of May 10, 1997:

Title Page
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1
First Revised Sheet No. 7
Original Sheet No. 7A
Original Sheet No. 7B
Original Sheet No. 135A

FGT states that on September 28, 1995 and February 29, 1996 the Commission issued Order Nos. 582 and 582-A, respectively, which, among other things, contained provisions addressing the composition of interstate natural gas pipeline tariffs. FGT's Tariff was