

Management and Budget (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 Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED 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: December 30, 1996.

Arthur F. Chantker,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Application for Grants Under the Strengthening Institutions Program.

*Abstract:* This information is required of institutions of higher education that apply for grants under the Strengthening Institutions Program, Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information will be used in the evaluation process to determine which applicants should receive grant funds.

*Additional Information:* The controlling law requires that all applicants be notified of their scores and panel recommendations by June 30. To meet this deadline, the program

office requests an emergency clearance, backed by the regular process.

*Frequency:* Annually if applying for grant.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 550.

Burden Hours: 40,400.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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 February 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, 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, 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 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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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: December 30, 1996.

Arthur F. Chantker,

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

Office of Postsecondary Education

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Performance Report for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

*Frequency:* Semi-Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 99.

Burden Hours: 891.

*Abstract:* Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program grantees are required to submit annual performance reports. The reports are used to evaluate project accomplishments, compliance, prior experience, and collect impact data for budget submissions and Congressional hearings.

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### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

**DATE AND TIME:** January 31, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** First Floor Conference Room, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eve M. Bither, Executive Director, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., N.W.,

Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.  
Telephone: (202) 208-0692; Fax: (202) 219-1528. Internet: Eve\_\_—  
Bither@ed.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994 (the Act). The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (the Office) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The Act directs the Board to provide guidance to the Congress in its oversight of the Office; to advise the United States on the Federal educational research and development effort; and to solicit advice from practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to define research needs and suggestions for research topics. The meeting of the Board is open to the public.

The agenda for January 31 will consider the adoption of proposed by-laws; the approval of standards for the conduct and evaluation of research, and for assessing performance on contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements, as well as standards for reviewing and designating exemplary and promising programs. A final agenda will be

available from the Board's office on January 15.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., NW Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: December 30, 1997.  
Eve M. Bither,  
*Executive Director.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[Docket No. EA-137]

**Application to Export Electric Energy; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.  
**AGENCY:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), a regulated investor-owned utility, has submitted an application to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before February 5, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-52), Office of Fossil

Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William H. Freeman (Program Office) 202-586-5883 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On December 5, 1996, NYSEG filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. Specifically, NYSEG proposes to sell surplus electric energy, operating capacity, and/or installed capacity, on either a firm or interruptible basis, from its own generation sources or purchased from other electric utilities or Federal power marketing agencies. NYSEG asserts that it will schedule all exports consistent with the reliability criteria, standards, and guidelines of the North American Electric Reliability Council and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council.

NYSEG would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over one or more of the following international transmission lines for which Presidential permits (PP) have been previously issued:

Owner	Location	Voltage	Presidential permit No.
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp .....	Devil's Hole, NY .....	230 kV	PP-31
New York Power Authority .....	Devil's Hole, NY .....	230 kV	PP-30
	Niagara Falls, NY .....	2-345 kV	PP-74
	Fort Covington, NY .....	765 kV	PP-56
	Massena, NY .....	2-230 kV	PP-25

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS:** Any persons desiring to be heard or to protest this application should file a petition to intervene or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies are to be filed directly with: John R. Tigue, Manager—Bulk Power Sales, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Corporate Drive, Kirkwood Industrial Park, P.O. Box 5224, Binghamton, New York 13902-5224 (Fax: 607-762-8496) AND Nicholas A. Giannasca, Esq., Huber Lawrence & Abell, 605 Third

Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10158 (Fax: 212-661-5759).

A final decision will be made on this applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 30, 1996.

Anthony J. Como,  
*Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*  
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**National Environmental Policy Act Record of Decision for the Disposal of the S1C Prototype Reactor Plant**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.  
**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** This Record of Decision has been prepared on the proposed disposal