

*Title:* Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) Program Assurances.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 57.

Burden Hours: 9.

*Abstract:* Section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended (Act), and its implementing Federal Regulations at 34 CFR part 381, require the PAIR grantees to submit an application to the RSA Commissioner in order to receive assistance under section 509 of the Act. The Act requires that the application contain Assurances to which the grantee must comply. Section 509(f) of the Act specifies the Assurances. There are 57 PAIR grantees. All 57 grantees are required to be part of the protection and advocacy system in each State established under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (42 USC 6041 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Student Financial Assistance, William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and Federal Family Education Loan Program.

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, for new loans made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs announces the interest rates for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, for loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 1998, under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For the Federal Family Education Loan Program: Brian Smith, Program Specialist. For the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program: Barbara F. Grayson, Program Specialist, Mailing Address: Policy Development Division, Office of Student Financial Assistance, U.S. Department of Education, Room 3045, ROB-3, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-5345. Telephone: (202) 708-

8242. 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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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** General—The formulas for determining the interest rates for Direct Loan and FFEL Program loans are provided in sections 455(b), 427A, and 428C of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). These provisions are amended by sections 452 and 416 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-244), which were enacted on October 7, 1998. The 1998 Amendments extend to July 1, 2003, the interest rate formulas for student and parent loans that have been in effect since July 1, 1998.

The interest rate calculations for all student and parent loans in the Direct Loan and FFEL programs for which the first disbursement is made on or after October 1, 1998, are based on the bond equivalent rate of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned at the final auction held before June 1.

The Amendments change the formulas for setting interest rates on Consolidation loans under both the Direct Loan and the FFEL programs. However, the bill sets different effective dates for each program. The interest rate for new Consolidation loans is calculated by taking the weighted average of the loans being consolidated, and rounding up to the nearest higher 1/8th of 1 percent. Except as noted below under Federal Family Education Loan Program, it is a fixed rate and may not exceed 8.25 percent. This interest rate formula applies to FFEL Consolidation loans for which the application is received by an eligible lender on or after October 1, 1998, and before July 1, 2003. The same formula applies to Direct Loan Consolidation loans for which the application is received on or after February 1, 1999, and before July 1, 2003. The 1998 Amendments establish temporary rules for calculating the interest rate for Direct Loan Consolidation loans (both student and parent) for which the application is received on or after October 1, 1998, and before February 1, 1999. For these loans, the interest rate is determined annually and equals the bond equivalent rate of 91-day Treasury bills auctioned at the final auction held before June 1st plus 2.3 percent. The interest rate is capped at 8.25 percent.

The bond equivalent rate of 91-day Treasury bills auctioned on May 26, 1998, is 5.155 percent, which rounds to 5.16 percent.

### William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

1. Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized loans, first disbursed on or after October 1, 1998:

(a) During the in-school, grace, and deferment periods:

The interest rate for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 6.86 percent (5.16 percent plus 1.7 percent equals 6.86 percent).

(b) During all other periods:

The interest rate for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 7.46 percent (5.16 percent plus 2.3 percent equals 7.46 percent).

2. Direct PLUS loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 1998:

The interest rate for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 8.26 percent (5.16 percent plus 3.1 percent equals 8.26 percent).

3. Direct Consolidation loans for which the application is received on or after October 1, 1998, and before February 1, 1999:

The interest rate for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 7.46 percent (5.16 percent plus 2.3 percent equals 7.46 percent).

4. Direct Consolidation loans for which the application is received on or after February 1, 1999:

The interest rate is the weighted average of the interest rates on loans and being consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher 1/8th of one percent, but may not exceed 8.25 percent. The rate does not vary annually; it is established for the life of the loan.

### Federal Family Education Loan Program

1. FFEL Stafford loans, first disbursed on or after October 1, 1998:

(a) During the in-school, grace, and deferment periods:

The interest rate for the October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 6.86 percent (5.16 percent plus 1.7 percent equals 6.86 percent).

(b) During all other periods:

The interest rate for the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 7.46 percent plus 2.3 percent equals 7.46 percent).

2. FFEL PLUS loans first disbursed on or after October 1, 1998:

The interest rate for the October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999, is 8.26 percent (5.16 percent plus 3.1 percent equals 8.26 percent).

3. FFEL Consolidation loans for which the consolidation loan

application was received by the lender on or after October 1, 1998:

The interest rate is the weighted average of the interest rates on the loans being consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher 1/8th of one percent, but may not exceed 8.25 percent. This rate does not vary annually. It is established for the life of the loan, unless portion of the Consolidation loan is attributable to a loan made under subpart I and part A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act. The interest rate on that portion of a Consolidation loan is determined annually, and equals the average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned for the quarter prior to July 1st plus 3 percent. For the period October 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998, the interest rate for that portion of a Consolidation loans is 8.13 percent (5.13 percent plus 3.0 percent equals 8.13 percent).

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1077a, 20 U.S.C. 1087e, and Pub. L. 105-244.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

**Greg Woods,**

*Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Wetland Involvement

**AGENCY:** Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** DOE is conducting a corrective action program at Argonne National Laboratory-East (ANL-E) as required by the Resource Conservation

and Recovery Act (RCRA). As part of the corrective action program, DOE proposes to reroute a portion of a drainage ditch in order to place a protective cap on a former landfill. This action would eliminate small wetland areas along the edges of the drainage ditch. In accordance with DOE regulations for Compliance with Floodplains/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE will prepare a wetlands assessment for this proposed action and will consider options to enhance the ecological functioning of the drainage ditch.

**DATES:** Comments are due to the address below no later than May 17, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Timothy S. Crawford, Manager, Argonne Group, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. (630) 252-2436.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT:** Timothy S. Crawford, Manager, Argonne Group, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 S. Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439. Phone: (630) 252-2264, Fax: (630) 252-2361.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE WETLAND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT:** Dr. W. Sedgefield White, Chicago Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Phone (630) 252-2101, Fax: (630) 252-2835.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Remediation at the former 319 Landfill requires construction of an access road and two new channels to improve storm water drainage and reduce erosion in the area. This proposed action would impact the northern edge of a small storm water ditch with a total area between 270 and 450 square feet (about 90 feet long and three to five feet wide). Water is retained in the ditch during and after storm events and this area fosters the growth of three common wetland species that typically grow in disturbed sites and poor quality wetlands: cattail (*Typha angustifolia*), bulrush (*Scirpus atrovirens*), and spike rush (*Eleocharis erythropoda*). The effect of the proposed action on the storm water drainage ditch will be assessed and options to enhance the ecological functioning of the drainage ditch will be considered.

Issued in Argonne, Illinois on 21st day of April, 1999

**Robert L. San Martin,**

*Manager, Chicago Operations Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

#### Orders Granting, Amending, and Vacating Authorizations To Import and Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas

POCO MARKETING LTD. (Formerly POCO Petroleum, Inc.), THE MEAD CORPORATION, PROGAS U.S.A., INC., CMS MARKETING SERVICES, AND TRADING COMPANY, PRODUCERS MARKETING CORPORATION (Formerly CU Energy Marketing Inc.), PRODUCERS MARKETING CORPORATION (Formerly CU Energy Marketing Inc.), MIDCON GAS SERVICES CORP., MIDCON GAS SERVICES CORP., MIDCON TEXAS GAS SERVICES CORP., RELIANT ENERGY SERVICES, INC. (Formerly NorAm Energy Services, Inc.), TRANSALTA ENERGY MARKETING (U.S.) INC., AVISTA ENERGY, INC., FE DOCKET NO. 90-93-NG, 99-17-NG, 99-16-NG, 99-18-LNG, 96-34-NG, 88-27-NG, 96-71-NG, 97-50-NG, 91-49-NG, 97-31-NG, 99-21-NG, 99-20-NG.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders granting, amending, and vacating natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, import and export authorizations. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853.

They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 8, 1999.

**John W. Glynn,**

*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

Attachment