

Application Number 60/102,144 filed 9/29/98, entitled, "Environmental Material Ticket Reader (EMTR) and Environmental Material Ticket (EMT)" to Dycor, U.S.A., Inc. having a place of business in Harve de Grace, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Roy Albert, Technology, Transfer Office, U.S. Army SBCOM, ATTN: SCBRD-ASC, 5183 Blackhawk Road (Bldg E3330/245), APG, MD 21010-5423, Phone: (410) 436-4438 or E-mail: recalbert@cbdcom.apgea.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted, unless within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, SBCCOM receives written evidence and argument to establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/102,144 pertains to the detection of chemical agents in the vapor phase with an improved operational knowledge base and by applying evolving technological advances in chemistry, engineered materials, and engineering production.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of a U.S. Provisional Patent Application Concerning the Detection of Chemical Agents

AGENCY: Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Pending Provisional Patent Application 60/102,144, entitled: Environmental Material Ticket Reader (EMTR) and Environmental Material Ticket (EMT)" filed September 29, 1998 and assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The present invention pertains to the detection of chemical agents in the vapor phase with an improved operation knowledge base and by applying evolving technological advances in chemistry, engineered materials, and engineering production.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, 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 September 20, 1999.

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 Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that 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.

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: July 16, 1999.

Hazel Fiers,

Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Annual Performance Report.

Frequency: Recordkeeping.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour

Burden:

Responses: 233,877

Burden Hours: 71,963

Abstract: 21st Century Community Learning Centers grantees must annually submit the report so the Department can evaluate the performance of grantees prior to awarding continuation grants and to assess a grantee's prior experience at the end of each budget period. The Department will aggregate the data to provide descriptive information and analyze program impact. These data will also be used for annual GPRA-required reports.

Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Vivian.Reese@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact, Kathy Axt at 703-426-9692. 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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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; Correction.

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. This notice corrects the notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23287).

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.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person.

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 $\frac{1}{8}$ th 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 the loans being consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher $\frac{1}{8}$ th of 1 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 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. FFEL 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. 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 $\frac{1}{8}$ th 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 a portion of the Consolidation loan is attributable to a loan made under subpart I of 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 loan 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: July 16, 1999.

Candace M. Kane,

Acting Chief Operating Officer, Office of Student Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-420-000]

Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Fuel Calculations

July 16, 1999.

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, pursuant to Section 2.27 of the General Terms and Conditions of its FERC Gas Tariff, Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois) tendered for filing its schedules which reflect calculations supporting the Measurement Variance/Fuel Use Factors utilized by Iroquois during the period January 1, 1999 through June 30, 1999.

Iroquois states that data from the data base during this period has to be verified to ensure accurate and complete information. Iroquois states that the schedules attached to the filing include calculations supporting each of the following three components of Iroquois' composite Measurement Variance/Fuel Use Factor:

- (1) Lost and unaccounted-for gas (Measurement Variance Factor);
- (2) Fuel use associated with the transportation of gas by others on behalf of Iroquois (Account 858 Fuel Use Factor); and
- (3) Fuel use associated with the transportation of gas on Iroquois' pipeline system (Account 854 Fuel Use Factor).

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before

July 23, 1999. 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-431-000]

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

July 16, 1999.

Take notice that on July 1, 1999, Koch Gateway Pipeline Company (Koch) tendered for filing a request to implement Version 1.4 of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) Standard 4.3.29 on August 1, 1999.

Koch states that the Notice Task Force has revised GISB Standard 4.3.29, Version 1.3 by separating the "Press Release, Company News or Phone List" category into two categories—"Press Release, Company News" and "Phone List." The Task Force also added a new category of notice type, "Intraday Bump."

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed on or before July 23, 1999. 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 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 in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

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David P. Boergers,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 201-000 AK]

Petersburg Municipal Power and Light; Notice of Petersburg Municipal Power and Light's Request To Use Alternative Procedures in Filing a License Application

July 16, 1999.

On July 7, 1999, the existing licensee, Petersburg Municipal Power and Light (Petersburg), filed a request to use alternative procedures in submitting an application for a new license for the existing Blind Slough Hydroelectric Project No. 201. The 2.0-megawatt project is located on Crystal Creek, and Mitkof Island, about 16 miles from the City of Petersburg, Alaska. Petersburg has demonstrated that it has made an effort to contact all resource agencies, Indian Tribes, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and others affected by the proposal, and that a consensus exists that the use of alternative procedures is appropriate in this case. Petersburg has also submitted a communications protocol that is supported by most interested entities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite comments on Petersburg's request to use the alternative procedures, pursuant to Section 4.34(i) of the Commission's regulations.¹ Additional notices seeking comments on the specific project proposal, interventions and protests, and recommended terms and conditions will be issued at a later date.

The alternative procedures being requested here combine the prefiling consultation process with the environmental review process, allowing the applicant to complete and file an Environmental Assessment (EA) in lieu of Exhibit E of the license application. This differs from the traditional process, in which the applicant consults with agencies, Indian tribes, NGOs during preparation of the application for the license and before filing it, but the Commission staff performs the environmental review after the application is filed. The alternative procedures are intended to simply and

¹ Order No. 596, Regulations for the Licensing of Hydroelectric Projects, 81 FERC ¶ 61,103 (1997).