

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

**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 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.

Dated: November 15, 1999.

**William E. Burrow,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Annual Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) Program Performance Report.

*Frequency:* Annually.

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

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 57

Burden Hours: 342

*Abstract:* Form RSA-509 will be used to analyze and evaluate the Protection and Advocacy of Individual Rights (PAIR) Program administered by eligible systems in states. These systems provide

services to eligible individuals with disabilities to protect their legal and human rights.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at 202-708-6287 or electronically mail her at internet address sheila\_carey@ed.gov. 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 ENERGY**

##### **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

##### **State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice for 2000 State Energy Program Special Projects.

**SUMMARY:** As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 2000, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for a group of special project activities. Funding is being provided by a number of end-use sector programs in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. States may apply to undertake any of the projects being offered by these programs. States will be awarded separate grants for special projects, to be carried out in conjunction with their efforts under SEP. The special projects funding and activities are tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the program providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy

technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

**DATES:** The program guidance/solicitation will be available on November 22, 1999. Applications must be received by February 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Complete information about this program, including phone numbers for the State SEP offices and a question and answer forum, is available at the following website: [http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/state\\_energy/fy00/sepsp00-forum](http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/state_energy/fy00/sepsp00-forum). Otherwise, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Office or State Office, you may contact Mr. Thomas Stapp, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-2096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fiscal year 2000 is the fifth year special project activities have been funded in conjunction with the State Energy Program (10 CFR part 420). Most of these State-oriented special projects are related to or based on similar efforts that have been funded separately by the various DOE end-use sector programs that are now providing funding for these optional SEP activities.

##### **Availability of Fiscal Year 2000 Funds**

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of an estimated \$14 million in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 2000. The estimated funds available are based on fiscal year 2000 budget requests and are subject to adjustment after program appropriations are known. The awards will be made through a competitive process. The end-use sector programs that are participating in the SEP special projects for fiscal year 2000, with the estimated amount of funding available for each, are as follows:

- **Clean Cities/Alternative Fuels:** Accelerating the introduction and increasing the use of alternative fuels and alternative fueled vehicles through the development of infrastructure and clean corridors, and promoting the use of advanced transportation technologies (\$2,700,000).

- **Industrial Technologies:** Implementing Industries of the Future at the State level by building partnerships among State industries: to develop new technologies tied to Industries of the Future road maps and visions; and to utilize best practices which can improve energy efficiency, environmental

performance and productivity (\$2,800,000).

- Codes and Standards: Supporting States' actions to update, implement, and enforce residential and commercial building energy codes (\$4,200,000).

- Rebuild America: Helping community and regional partnerships improve commercial and multifamily building energy efficiency (\$1,600,000).

- Building America: Applying systems engineering approaches to the development of advanced residential buildings, including production techniques, products and technologies that result in higher quality, energy efficient housing (\$300,000).

- Federal Energy Management Program: Developing Federal/State partnerships to increase technical capability and funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation measures for Federal buildings (\$950,000).

- Hydrogen Reformer Field Verification: Siting and operating small advanced hydrogen reformer systems to better understand and document the performance, maintenance, operation and economic viability of these systems (\$500,000).

- Wind Energy Case Studies: Performing case studies documenting the benefits and costs of deployment of 25 to 50 megawatt state of the art wind projects (\$500,000).

- Biomass Power Projects: Identifying low-cost project opportunities for the introduction and utilization of biomass power technologies for recovering energy from animal wastes while preventing pollution (\$250,000).

- Photovoltaic Projects: Demonstrating photovoltaic technologies (\$250,000).

### Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program Special Projects is 81.119.

Requirements for cost sharing contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for each special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing contributions beyond any required percentage are desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

### Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the participating end-use sector programs in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The end-use sector offices select projects for funding. The Office of Building Technology Assistance then recommends project allocations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for final determination. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 15, 1999.

**Dan W. Reicher,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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### Middletown Power LLC, Montville Power LLC, Norwalk Power LLC, Devon Power LLC, Connecticut Jet Power LLC, Northeast Generation Company, PP&L Great Works, LLC and Reliant Energy Osceola, LLC (Not Consolidated); Notice of Issuance of Order

November 15, 1999.

Middletown Power LLC, Montville Power LLC, Norwalk Power LLC, Devon Power LLC, Connecticut Jet Power LLC, Northeast Generation Company, PP&L Great Works, LLC, and Reliant Energy Osceola, LLC (hereafter, "the Applicants") filed with the Commission rate schedules in the above-captioned proceedings, respectively, under which the Applicants will engage in wholesale electric power and energy transactions at market-based rates, and for certain waivers and authorizations. In particular, certain of the Applicants may also have requested in their respective applications that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and

assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants. On November 10, 1999, the Commission issued an order that accepted the rate schedules for sales of capacity and energy at market-based rates (Order), in the above-docketed proceedings.

The Commission's November 10, 1999 Order granted, for those Applicants that sought such approval, their request for blanket approval under Part 34, subject to the conditions found in Appendix B in Ordering Paragraphs (2), (3), and (5):

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this order, any person desiring to be heard or to protest the Commission's blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities by the Applicants should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214.

(3) Absent a request to be heard within the period set forth in Ordering Paragraph (2) above, if the Applicants have requested such authorization, the Applicants are hereby authorized to issue securities and assume obligations and liabilities as guarantor, indorser, surety or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issue or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Applicants, compatible with the public interest, and reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to modify this order to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued Commission approval of the Applicants' issuances of securities or assumptions of liabilities. \* \* \*

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protests, as set forth above, is December 10, 1999.

Copies of the full text of the Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. This issuance may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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