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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.334]

Office of Postsecondary Education, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 2000; Correction

SUMMARY: On April 27, 2000 we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 24764) a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year 2000 for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP). That document incorrectly listed the priority for Partnerships that establish or maintain a scholarship program as invitational. Please note that Partnerships that establish or maintain a scholarship program will receive a competitive priority, as was stated in the application package for this year's competition.

The priority therefore reads as follows:

Competitive Preference Priority

The Secretary will give preference to Partnership projects that establish or maintain financial assistance programs that award scholarships to participating students, either in accordance with section 404E of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, or in accordance with GEAR UP regulations. The Secretary will award up to five (5) additional points, in addition to any points the applicant earns under the selection criteria, to applicants who meet this priority, depending on how well the application meets the priority.

Also in that same Notice we stated that applications for a Partnership or State grant that serve students in Empowerment Zones, Supplemental Empowerment Zones, or Enterprise Communities would be given a Competitive Preference Priority. The language used to explain this priority (The Secretary will select an application that meets this priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet this priority) comes directly from the Education Department

General Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR Part 75.105. This notice clarifies that this preference will be applied as a tie-breaker only.

Finally, that notice incorrectly listed the maximum grant amount for State grants as \$5 million. The correct maximum grant amount for State grants is \$2.1 million.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rafael Ramirez, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 1900 K Street, NW, Room 6252, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 502-7676. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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Dated: May 15, 2000.

A. Lee Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration; Postponement of Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Relocation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Technical Area 18 Missions

AGENCY: Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration.

ACTION: Postponement of scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: On May 2, 2000, the Department of Energy (DOE) announced in the **Federal Register**, (65 FR 25472), that it would hold scoping meetings for the proposal to relocate missions at Technical Area 18 (TA-18). Due to the recent fire at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), the scoping meeting scheduled for May 17, 2000 at the Betty Ehart Senior Center, 2132 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM, has been postponed. DOE will provide notice of the new date, time, and location for this meeting when it becomes available. DOE regrets any inconvenience for this postponement. Any questions associated with the TA-18 Project can be asked by calling Mr. Jay Rose at 1-800-832-0885, ext. 65484.

Issued in Washington, D.C., this 15th day of May 2000.

Henry Garson,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Defense Programs, Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC00-500-001, FERC-500]

Information Collection Submitted for Review and Request for Comments

May 12, 2000.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of submission for review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the energy information collection listed in this notice to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the provisions of Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13). Any interested person may file comments on the collection of information directly with OMB and

should address a copy of those comments to the Commission, as explained below. The Commission received comments from two entities in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of November 9, 1999 (64 FR 62184-85) and has responded to those comments in this submission.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before June 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of the comments should also be sent to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Mr. Michael Miller, CI-1, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202)208-1415 and by e-mail at mike.miller@ferc.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

The energy information collection submitted to OMB for review contains:

1. *Collection of Information:* FERC-500, "Application for License, Relicense for Water Projects with More than 5 MW Capacity."

2. *Sponsor:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. *Control No.:* 1902-0058. The Commission is now requesting that OMB approve a three year extension of the expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection requirement.

4. *Necessity of Collection of Information:* Submission of the information is necessary to fulfill the requirements of Part I of the Federal Power Act (FPA) in order for the Commission to make the required finding that the proposal is economically sound, is best adopted to a comprehensive plan for improving/developing a waterway or waterways. Under Part I of the FPA (16 U.S.C. sections 79a *et seq.*), the Commission has the authority to issue licenses for hydroelectric projects on the waters over which Congress has jurisdiction. The Electric Consumers Protection Act (ECPA) (Pub. L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243) provides the Commission with the responsibility of issuing licenses for nonfederal hydroelectric plants. ECPA also amended the language of the EPA concerning environmental issues to ensure environmental quality. The information collected under FERC-500

is used by the Commission to determine the broad impact of a hydropower license application.

5. *Respondent Description:* The respondent universe currently comprises on average, 9 applicants for a hydropower license/relicense.

6. *Estimated Burden:* 15,276 total burden hours, 9 respondents 1 response (on occasion), 1,697 hours per response (rounded off).

7. *Estimated Cost to Burden to Respondents:* The estimated cost burden to respondents: 15,276+2080 hours per year×\$111,545 per year=\$819,212.

Statutory Authority: Sections 4(e), 9, 10, 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. Sections 791a *et seq.* and Energy Consumers Protection Act, Pub. L. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-275-000]

Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership, Complainant, v. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, MidCon Gas Products Corp., MidCon Gas Services Corp., KN Energy, Inc. and Kinder Morgan, Inc., Respondents; Notice of Complaint

May 12, 2000.

Take notice that on May 10, 2000, Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership (Complainant) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission a complaint against Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America ("NGPL"), MidCon Gas Products Corp. (MidCon Gas Products), MidCon Gas Services Corp. (MidCon Gas Services), KN Energy, Inc. (KN) and Kinder Morgan, Inc. (Kinder Morgan) (collectively, Respondents) pursuant to Rule 206 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206. According to the Complaint, Respondents, all affiliated companies, acted in concert to circumvent the filed rate doctrine and violate NGPL's Tariff by charging rates for gathering services which NGPL performed in connection with jurisdictional transportation services and which, in sum, exceeded the rate specified in the NGPL Tariff governing the relevant service.

Complainant alleges that from March 3, 1998 until January 1, 2000, Respondents effectively charged (i) a

"gathering fee" which in certain months exceeded the Maximum rate NGPL, a jurisdictional provider of gathering services through NGPL's West Panhandle Gathering System, was authorized to charge and (ii) a fuel retention rate for gathering service provided by NGPL, which was not included in NGPL's filed Tariff. The "gathering fee" and fuel retention rate were established in a Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement (GAS Sales Agreement) which MC Panhandle, Inc. (MC Panhandle), an affiliate of NGPL, had initially executed with another NGPL affiliate, MidCon Gas Services. MidCon Gas Services' interest was later transferred by assignment to MidCon Gas Products. Complainant states that, in 1998, it acquired ownership of MC Panhandle, the owner of certain gas wells in Moore and Carson Counties, Texas, subject to the terms of the Gas Sales Agreement. It avers that through this purchase it became obligated to pay, and in fact paid (through a reduced gas sales price), rates for gathering services actually performed by NGPL that were greater than the applicable rates set forth in NGPL's FERC Gas Tariff.

According to the Complainant, although the Gas Sales Agreement was nominally between MC Panhandle (later succeeded by Chesapeake Panhandle) and MidCon Gas Services (later succeeded by its affiliate MidCon Gas Products), NGPL's role in the transaction as: (1) The provider of the gathering service, (2) the affiliate of the Gas Sales Agreements's Buyers, MidCon Gas Services and MidCon Gas Products, (3) the affiliate of the Gas Sales Agreement's initial Seller, MC Panhandle, and (4) a signatory to the Gas Sales Agreement, effectively make NGPL a party to the Gas Sales Agreement and, in any event, support the inference that NGPL benefited from the actions of its affiliates in charging a rate for services which NGPL provided, but for which NGPL itself could not lawfully have charged. Thus, Complainant seeks a refund, with interest, of the amounts it was charged (by way of a gas sales price reduction) for "gathering fees" in excess of NGPL's authorized gathering rate and fuel retainage during the period from March 3, 1998 through December 31, 1999.

Questions concerning the Complaint may be directed to counsel for Complainant, James F. Bowe, Jr., Dewey Ballantine LLP, 1775 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006-4605, Phone 202/429-1444, Fax 202/862-1093, e-mail jbowe@deweyballantine.com.