

Dated: August 21, 2003.

**Sally L. Stroup,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of upcoming meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should notify Ms. Hope M. Gray at 202-219-2099 or via e-mail at [hope.gray@ed.gov](mailto:hope.gray@ed.gov) no later than Friday, September 5. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. This notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Thursday, September 11, 2003, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW., the Congressional Room. Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian K. Fitzgerald, Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC 20202-7582; (202) 219-2099.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance is established under Section 491 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965 as amended by Public Law 100-50 (20 U.S.C. 1098). The Advisory Committee serves as an independent source of advice and counsel to the Congress and the Secretary of Education on student financial aid policy. Since its inception, the Committee has been charged with providing technical expertise with regard to systems of need analysis and

application forms, making recommendations that result in the maintenance of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students; conducting a study of institutional lending in the Stafford Student Loan Program; assisting with activities related to the 1992 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965; conducting a three-year evaluation of the Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (FDLP) and the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1993; and assisting Congress with the 1998 reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

The congressional mandate requires the Advisory Committee to conduct objective, nonpartisan, and independent analyses on important aspects of the student assistance programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Committee traditionally approaches its work from a set of fundamental goals: promoting access; ensuring program integrity; integrating delivery across the Title IV programs; eliminating or avoiding program complexity; and minimizing burden on students and institutions.

The most important charge of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to Congress and the Secretary that will lead to the maintenance and enhancement of access to postsecondary education for low- and middle-income students. In addition to carrying out its ongoing statutory charges, the Committee dedicated itself to articulating the current state of access by developing two reports on the condition of access, *Access Denied: Restoring the Nation's Commitment to Equal Educational Opportunity* and *Empty Promises: The Myth of College Access in America*. As a result of the findings in its access reports, the Committee submitted its access proposal to Congress in May 2003 in preparation for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. The Committee will review and evaluate, from an access perspective, other reauthorization proposals and ideas emanating from Congress and the higher education community.

The proposed agenda includes discussion sessions with congressional staff and members of the higher education community focusing on reauthorization proposals and ideas related to: (a) The Committee's access partnership, (b) grants and work, (c) loans, (d) accountability, college costs and consumer information, and (e) address other Committee business. Space is limited and you are encouraged

to register early if you plan to attend. You may register through the Internet at [ADV.COMSFA@ed.gov](mailto:ADV.COMSFA@ed.gov) or [Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov](mailto:Tracy.Deanna.Jones@ed.gov). Please include your name, title, affiliation, complete address (including Internet and e-mail—if available), and telephone and fax numbers. If you are unable to register electronically, you may mail or fax your registration information to the Advisory Committee staff office at (202) 219-3032. Also, you may contact the Advisory Committee staff at (202) 219-2099. *The registration deadline is Monday, September 8, 2003.*

The Advisory Committee will meet on Washington, DC on Thursday, September 11, 2003, from 9 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m.

Records are kept of all Committee proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the Office of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, Capitol Place, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 413, Washington, DC from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Dated: August 20, 2003.

**Brian K. Fitzgerald,**

*Staff Director, Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities

**AGENCY:** President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities, U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities (the Board) and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of the Board's meetings is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and by the Board's charter.

**AGENDA:** The purpose of the meeting will be to review agencies' Three-Year Plans and decide on timeliness for and format of the Board's upcoming Report to the President.

**DATES AND TIME:** September 17, 2003-9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and September 18, 2003-9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Prairie Knights Lodge, 7932 Highway 24, Fort Yates, ND 58538.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Betty Thompson, Special Assistant,  
White House Initiative on Tribal  
Colleges and Universities, U.S.  
Department of Education, Suite 408, 555  
New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington,  
DC 20208. Telephone 202-219-0704.  
Fax: 202-208-2174.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board is established by Executive Order 13270, dated July 3, 2002, to provide advice regarding the progress made by Federal agencies toward fulfilling the purposes and objectives of the order. The Board also provides recommendations to the President, through the Secretary of Education, on ways the Federal government can help tribal colleges: (1) Use long-term development, endowment building and planning to strengthen institutional viability; (2) improve financial management and security, obtain private sector funding support, and expand and complement Federal education initiatives; (3) develop institutional capacity through the use of new and emerging technologies offered by both the Federal and private sectors; (4) enhance physical infrastructure to facilitate more efficient operation and effective recruitment and retention of students and faculty; and (5) help implement the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and meet other high standards of educational achievement.

The general public is welcome to attend the September 17-18, 2003, meeting. However, space is limited and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Betty Thompson at (202) 219-0704 no later than September 3, 2003. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

A summary of the activities of the meeting and other related materials that are informative to the public will be available to the public within 14 days after the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, United States Department of Education, Suite 408, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20208.

Dated: August 21, 2003.

**Rod Paige,**

*Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[Docket No. PP-229]**

**Notice of Availability of Draft  
Environmental Impact Statement and  
Public Hearings for the Proposed  
Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP)  
Sahuarita-Nogales Transmission Line**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the "Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) Sahuarita-Nogales Transmission Line Draft Environmental Impact Statement" (DOE/EIS-0336) for public review and comment. DOE also announces four public hearings on the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508, and the DOE NEPA regulations, 10 CFR part 1021. The Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed action of granting a Presidential permit for the proposed project and reasonable alternatives, including the "No Action" alternative of denying the permit. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) are cooperating agencies in the preparation of this Draft EIS.

**DATES:** DOE invites interested Members of Congress, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, American Indian tribal governments, organizations, and members of the public to provide comments on the Draft EIS. The public comment period started with the publication in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency of the "Notice of Availability" of the Draft EIS on August 22, 2003, and will continue until October 14, 2003. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date in preparing the Final EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Dates for the public hearings are:

1. September 25, 2003, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Green Valley, Arizona
2. September 25, 2003, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.,  
Green Valley, Arizona
3. September 26, 2003, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Nogales, Arizona
4. September 26, 2003, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.,  
Nogales, Arizona

Requests to speak at a specific public hearing should be received by Dr. Jerry Pell as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before September 15, 2003. Requests to speak may also be made at the time of registration for the hearing(s). However, persons who have submitted advance requests to speak will be given priority if time should be limited during the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests to speak at the public hearings should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-27), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington DC 20585, or transmitted by phone: 202-586-3362, facsimile: 202-318-7761, or electronic mail at [Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov). Please be aware that anthrax screening delays conventional mail delivery to DOE.

The locations of the public hearings are:

1. Both hearings on September 25, 2003, will be held at the Santa Rita Springs Facility, Green Valley Recreation Department, 921 W. Via Rio Fuerte, Green Valley, Arizona 85614-5711.
2. Both hearings on September 26, 2003, will be held in the County Board Hearing Room, Santa Cruz County Office Building, 2150 N. Congress Drive, Nogales, Arizona 85621.

Copies of the Draft EIS are available as (a) the Summary in paper format, accompanied by a CD-ROM that includes the entire Draft EIS, (b) the entire Draft EIS in paper format, accompanied by the CD-ROM, or (c) the CD-ROM only; requests for any of these should be addressed to Dr. Pell at any of the addresses above. Additionally, the Draft EIS is available on the Internet at <http://www.ttclients.com/tep>.

Written comments on the Draft EIS may be addressed to Dr. Jerry Pell as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice or submitted on the project Web site at <http://www.ttclients.com/tep>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the proposed project or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, contact Dr. Pell as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000