

should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat—Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

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: April 1, 1998.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Application for New Grants—State Program Improvement Grants for Children with Disabilities.

Abstract: This information collection is necessary to make awards authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part D, Subpart 1—State Program Improvement Grants. Eligible grantees are State Departments of Education. This program was newly authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-17). The purpose of this program is to assist State educational agencies, and their partners in reforming and improving their systems for providing educational, early intervention, and transitional services, including their systems for professional development, technical assistance, and dissemination of knowledge about best practices, to improve results for children with disabilities. Appropriations for the first awards under this program become available for obligation on July 1, 1998.

Additional Information: This application package is intended to be made available to potential applicants in May 1998, for submission of applications in August. The impact of not receiving clearance in less than 60 days will be to provide less time for State educational agencies to enter into partnerships with local agencies as required by the Act, and less time for them to collect the information on personnel needs and strategies to address those needs. It is important, in the first year of this program, to make awards on a timely basis, as soon after the availability of funds as possible.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 30.

Burden Hours: 2,700.

[FR Doc. 98-9024 Filed 4-6-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. 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 of its opportunity to attend this public meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: June 8-10, 1998, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Latham Hotel, 3000 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistance listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW., Room 3082, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-7592, telephone: (202) 260-3636. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 1205 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended by Pub. L. 102-325 (20 U.S.C. 1145). The Committee advises the Secretary of Education with respect to the establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA, the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations, the preparation and publication of the list of nationally

recognized accrediting agencies and associations, and the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA. The Committee also develops and recommends to the Secretary standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies, in order to establish eligibility for such institutions on an interim basis for participation in federally funded programs.

AGENDA: The meeting on June 8–10, 1998 is open to the public. The following agencies will be reviewed during the June 1998 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Petition for Initial Recognition

1. Council on Integrative Medical Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of colleges and programs leading to the Doctor of Integrative Medicine (IMD) degree and Doctor of Physiatric Medicine (PMD)).

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy for Accredited Membership") of clinical pastoral education centers, as well as clinical pastoral education and supervisory clinical pastoral education programs).
2. Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Board of Directors (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of educational programs for the allied health occupations of cytotechnologist and electroneurodiagnostic technologist).
3. Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of two-year programs for the ophthalmic dispenser and one-year programs for the ophthalmic laboratory technician).
4. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Secondary Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of public vocational/technical schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in the Middle States region (Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New

York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands).

5. National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health, Council on Accreditation (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of women's health nurse practitioner programs).

6. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, and the Navajo Nation).

7. New York State Board of Regents (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation (registration) of collegiate degree-granting programs or curricula offered by institutions of higher education in the state of New York and of credit-bearing certificate and diploma programs offered by degree-granting institutions of higher education in the state of New York).

Interim Reports

(An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted initial or renewed recognition to the agency).

1. Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, Commission on Accreditation
2. American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
3. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
4. Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
5. Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
6. The American Dietetic Association, Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education
7. American Osteopathic Association, Bureau of Professional Education
8. American Physical therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
9. Distance Education and Training Council, Accrediting Commission
10. Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
11. National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
12. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

13. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

14. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges

15. Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Accrediting Commission

State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Kansas Board of Education
2. New York State Board of Regents, Vocational Education

Interim Report

1. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education

Petition for Renewal of Recognition

1. New York State Board of Regents, Nursing Education Unit

Federal Agency Seeking Degree-Granting Authority

In accordance with the Federal policy governing the granting of academic degrees by Federal agencies (approved by a letter from the Director, Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary, Health, Education, and Welfare, dated December 23, 1954), the Secretary is required to establish a review committee to advise the Secretary concerning any legislation that may be proposed that would authorize the granting of degrees by a Federal agency. The review committee forwards its recommendation concerning a Federal agency's proposed degree-granting authority to the Secretary, who then forwards the committee's recommendation and the Secretary's recommendation to the Office of Management and Budget for review and transmittal to the Congress. The Secretary uses the Advisory Committee as the review committee required for this purpose. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee will review the following institution at this meeting:

Proposed Master's Degree-Granting Authority

1. U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA (request to award the master's degree in Strategic Studies to students who complete its non-resident track).

A request for comments on agencies that are being reviewed during this meeting was published in **Federal Register** on December 29, 1997, and on February 10, 1998.

This notice invites third-party oral presentations before the Advisory Committee. It does not constitute

another call for written comment. Requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee should be submitted in writing to Ms. LeBold at the address above by May 8, 1998. Requests should include the names of all persons seeking an appearance, the organization they represent, and a brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation. Presenters are requested not to distribute written materials at the meeting or send them directly to members of the Advisory Committee. Presenters who wish to provide the Advisory Committee with brief documents (no more than 6 pages maximum) illustrating the main points of their oral testimony may submit them to Ms. LeBold by May 8, 1998 (one original and 25 copies). Documents submitted after that date will not be distributed to the Committee. Presenters are reminded that this call for third-party oral testimony does not constitute a call for additional written comment.

At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees may, at the discretion of the Committee chair, be invited to address the Committee briefly on issues pertaining to the functions of the Committee, as identified in the section above on Supplementary Information. Attendees interested in making such comments should inform Ms. LeBold before or during the meeting.

A record will be made of the proceedings of the meeting and will be available for public inspection at the Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, SW., room 3082, ROB 3, Washington, DC, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Dated: April 2, 1998.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

[FR Doc. 98-9074 Filed 4-6-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4000-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. GT98-32-000]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

April 1, 1998.

Take notice that on March 17, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following

tariff sheets to become effective January 1, 1998.

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 400

Tenth Revised Sheet No. 401

Equitrans states that this filing is made to update Equitrans' index of customers. In Order No. 581 the Commission established a revised format for the Index of Customers to be included in the tariffs of interstate pipelines and required the pipelines to update the index on a quarterly basis to reflect changes in contract activity. Equitrans requests a waiver of the Commission's notice requirements to permit the tariff sheets to take effect on April 1, 1998, the first calendar quarter, in accordance with Order No. 581.

Equitrans states that a copy of its filing has been served upon its customers and interested State commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest this 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 and 385.214 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-9001 Filed 4-6-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP97-346-015]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Change in FERC Gas Tariff

April 1, 1998.

Take notice that on March 30, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheets, with an effective date of September 1, 1997:

4th Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 262

4th Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 263

Equitrans states that these revised tariff sheets are submitted in compliance with the Commission's March 13, 1998 Letter Order on Equitrans' negotiated rates tariff filing. The Commission held that the revised tariff sheets generally complied with its prior orders and requirements for negotiated rates. However, the Commission required Equitrans to additionally modify Section 30.3 of its General Terms and Conditions to provide that when evaluating competing recourse and negotiated rate proposals for allocating firm capacity, only the reservation charge or other form of guaranteed revenue will be the evaluating factor. Also, the work "and" was deleted in Section 30.2 of the General Terms and Conditions after the designation of Rate Schedule 10SS.

Equitrans states that a copy of its filing has been served upon its customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. 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. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

[FR Doc. 98-9005 Filed 4-6-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6717-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98-1253-000]

Illinois Power Company; Notice of Filing

April 1, 1998.

Take notice that on February 9, 1998 Illinois Power Company tendered for filing an amendment in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of