

section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, the resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

If, in order to meet the page limit, you use print size, spacing, or margins smaller than the standards specified in this notice, we won't consider your application for funding.

**Applicable Regulations:** The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR Part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

**Note:** The regulations in 34 CFR Part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

### Priorities

**Absolute Priority 1 (84.315A):** Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and section 21(b)(2)(B) of the Act, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications from minority entities and Indian tribes that propose projects that would provide training, technical assistance, or related activities in order to improve services under the Act, especially services provided to individuals from minority backgrounds. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority.

**Invitational Priority:** Within Absolute Priority 1, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications from minority entities that propose to do both of the following:

(A) Provide training, technical assistance, or related activities in order to improve the delivery of vocational rehabilitation services provided under the Act, especially services provided to individuals from minority backgrounds.

(B) Establish collaborative relationships and partnerships with community-based organizations, particularly those community-based organizations that provide services to individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

However, under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1) an application that meets this invitational priority does not receive competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

Approved applications from this competition also may be funded in FY 2000.

**Absolute Priority 2 (84.315B):** Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and section 21(b)(2)(B) of the Act, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to

applications from minority entities and Indian tribes that propose projects that would improve services provided under the Act by providing training, technical assistance, or related activities to assist grantees funded under the Vocational Rehabilitation Service Projects for American Indians with Disabilities program (CFDA No. 84.250). The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority.

**Absolute Priority 3 (84.315C):** Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) and section 21(b)(2)(C) of the Act, the Secretary gives an absolute preference to applications that propose projects that would provide outreach and technical assistance to minority entities and Indian tribes to promote their participation in activities funded under the Act, including assistance to enhance their capacity to carry out those activities. Projects may provide technical assistance to minority entities who are first-time recipients of grants funded under the Act in order to increase their capacity to carry out their grants. The Secretary funds under this competition only applications that meet this absolute priority.

**Selection Criteria:** In evaluating an application for a new grant under these competitions, the Secretary uses selection criteria chosen from the general selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210 of EDGAR. The selection criteria to be used for these competitions will be provided in the application package for these competitions.

**For Applications Contact:** The Grants and Contracts Service Team (GCST), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3317, Switzer Building), Washington, D.C. 20202-2649; Telephone (202) 205-8351. 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. The preferred method for requesting applications is to FAX your request to (202) 205-8717.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternate format by contacting the GCST. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternate format the standard forms included in the application package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen C. Chesley, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3318 Switzer Building), Washington, D.C. 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-9481. Individuals who use a telecommunications device

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**Program Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 718b (Section 21 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended).

Dated: January 22, 1999.

**Judith E. Heumann,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC99-516-000; FERC-516]

### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

January 22, 1999.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(a) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comments on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to comments submitted on or before March 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from and written comments may be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, 888 First Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.fed.us.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information collected under the

requirements of FERC-516 "Electric Rate Schedule Filings" (OMB No. 1902-0096) is used by the Commission to carry out the general authority in Sections 15, 19, 20, 205, 206 and 207 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 808, 812, 813, 824d-f). A public utility must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, related contracts and service conditions, and for wholesale sales and transmission of energy in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorized to investigate the rates charged by public utilities subject to its jurisdiction. If after investigation the Commission determines that the rates, terms or conditions of service are "unjust and unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential," it is authorized to determine and prescribe the just and reasonable rates, terms or conditions. Either full or abbreviated cost data is required to support the proposed rate

levels as part of the justification for the complete electric rate schedules. Submission of the information is necessary because of the complexity of the electric industry and the controversial nature of many of the elements of a utility's cost to provide service. Sufficient detail must be obtained for the Commission to make informed and equitable decisions concerning the appropriate level of rates, and to aid customers and other parties who may wish to challenge the rate proposed by the utility. The compliance with these requirements is mandatory. The reporting requirements are found at 18 CFR Parts 35 and 292.

**Action:** The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current expiration date, with no changes to the existing collection of data.

**Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as:

Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
858	3.42	183	536,800

Over the last three years, the Commission has seen a dramatic increase in both the number of respondents and the number of filings as is shown in the figures above. A decrease in average burden hours per respondent is the result of a dramatic increase in tariff service agreement filings. These filings have very short preparation times and are so numerous that when combined with other more lengthy types of filings, the result is a significant reduction in the overall average burden hours per response. Overall, there is a slight reduction in the total annual burden hours.

*Estimated total cost burden to respondents:* 536,800 hours per year ÷ 2080 hours per year × \$109,889 = \$28,359,815. The cost per respondent is equal to \$33,053.

The reporting burden includes the total time, effort, or financial resources expended to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide the information including: (1) Reviewing instructions; (2) developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, verifying, processing, maintaining, disclosing and providing information; (3) adjusting the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; (4) training personnel to respond to a collection of information; (5) searching

data sources; (6) completing and reviewing the collection of information; and (7) transmitting, or otherwise disclosing the information.

The estimate of cost for respondents is based upon salaries for professional and clerical support, as well as direct and indirect overhead costs. Direct costs include all costs directly attributable to providing this information, such as administrative costs and the cost for information technology. Indirect or overhead costs are costs incurred by an organization in support of its mission. These costs apply to activities which benefit the whole organization rather than any one particular function or activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or

other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99-205-000]

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

January 22, 1999.

Take notice that on January 20, 1999, 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 February 1, 1999:

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 251  
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 300  
Second Revised Sheet No. 301  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 314  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 321  
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 329  
Third Revised Sheet No. 353

Equitrans states that the purpose of this filing is to request the discontinuation of Equitrans' proprietary Electronic Bulletin Board (EBB) and to