

request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mr. Noel McCaman, Director, AmeriCorps Recruitment Office, (202) 606-5000, extension 443. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Brenda Aguilar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-6929, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate 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;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information to those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Title: AmeriCorps National Referral Card.

OMB Number: 3045-0004.

Agency Number: None.

Frequency: One response per individual (optional collection).

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Number of Respondents: 100,000. (50,000 through the Corporation's 1-800 number, and 50,000 through the Corporation's website).

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 3 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 5,000 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: None.

Total annual costs (operating/maintenance): \$42,900—1-800 number costs and \$0.00 for the website).

Description: The AmeriCorps National Referral Card is submitted by potential AmeriCorps members to the Corporation for input into a national recruitment referral database and the information provided is distributed to approved AmeriCorps programs. The programs then contact individuals who have completed the form and ask them to formally apply for AmeriCorps member positions.

The Corporation seeks to revise the current AmeriCorps National Referral Card in order to determine:

- (1) Citizenship or if applicant is a lawful permanent resident alien of the United States (a statutory requirement for participation in AmeriCorps);
- (2) Knowledge of foreign languages. (The current card asks only about Spanish language skills);
- (3) If the individual is interested in serving in a summer program; and
- (4) The geographic area(s) in which the individual would prefer to serve.

Dated: August 23, 2000.

Noel V. McCaman,

Director of AmeriCorps Recruitment, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 30, 2000.

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, Regulatory 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. 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: August 23, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Public Libraries Survey.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 56. Burden Hours: 1,680.

Abstract: The Public Libraries Survey is an annual survey of public libraries in the 50 States, D.C. and the Outlying Areas. Data for local public libraries are aggregated at the State and national levels. Federal, state, and local officials use the data for planning, evaluation, monitoring, budgeting, administration, and policy. Other users include librarians, educators, and researchers. The respondents are the 50 States, D.C. and the Outlying Areas.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese,

Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her internet address Kathy_Axt@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

[FE Dockets No. PP-228 and EA-228]

Applications for Presidential Permit and Electricity Export Authorization Edison Sault Electric Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Applications.

SUMMARY: Edison Sault Electric Company (ESE) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, connect, operate and maintain a 230,000-volt (230-kV) underground electric transmission facility across the U.S. border with Canada. In addition, ESE has applied for authorization to export electric energy to Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038. Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are also regulated and

require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On August 17, 2000, ESE, a transmission and distribution company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Wisconsin Energy Corporation, an investor owned public utility, filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. ESE proposes to construct an underground 230-kV transmission line from an existing substation located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to an existing substation located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, a distance of approximately 6,000 feet. The facilities within Canada will be owned by Great Lakes Power Inc. (GLP), an investor owned utility in Canada. In a separate application, also filed on August 17, 2000, ESE applied for authorization to export electric energy to Canada using the proposed facilities, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA.

In its application, ESE notes that the purpose of the proposed transmission line and export authorization is to transmit electricity between the ESE and the GLP systems and to provide both companies with additional competitive supplies of electric power. ESE also asserts that these facilities will enhance the reliability of both systems.

ESE is proposing to develop this project in two phases. Initially, ESE would construct a 230-kV transmission line under the St. Mary's River connecting its existing Portage Road Substation, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, with GLP's existing F. H. Clergue substation, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. This is a distance of approximately 6,000 feet. In phase one, the 230-kV facilities will be operated at 69-kV have the ability to transmit 50 megawatts (MW) to Canada. At a later date, and after submission of additional electric reliability studies to DOE, ESE proposes to operate the facilities at 230-kV and increase the ability of the facilities to transmit energy to Canada.

Since restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities.

Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888 (Promotion Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, on July 27, 1999, (64 FR 40586) DOE initiated a proceeding in which it noticed its intention to condition existing and future Presidential permits, appropriate for third party transmission, on compliance with a requirement to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission service. That proceeding is not yet complete. However, in this docket DOE specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of applying the open access requirement on ESE's proposed facilities.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's rules of practice and procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Donald Sawruk, President, Edison Sault Electric Co., 725 East Portage Road, Sault, Michigan, 49783 and Mrs. Cheryl Feik Ryan, Van Ness Feldman, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, DC 20087.

Before a Presidential permit or electricity export authorization may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed actions pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or