

requirements of Executive Order 12866 and its overall requirement of reducing regulatory burden that might result from this proposed regulatory action. Please let us know of any further opportunities we should take to reduce potential costs or increase potential benefits while preserving the effective and efficient administration of the program.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this regulatory action at 550 12th Street, SW., room 11089, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

#### **Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record**

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this regulatory action. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### **Background**

In 2004, the Department held a CTC competition with FY 2004 funds, in which it used the requirements, priorities, and selection criteria that it had established through a notice of final requirements, priorities, and selection criteria for novice and non-novice applicants for the CTC program, published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2004 (69 FR 20766). Under the requirements established and used in the FY 2004 competition, the Department ranked and funded separately two sets of applicants that met the established absolute priorities—novice applicants and non-novice applicants. The Department set aside approximately 75 percent of the funds for non-novice applicants and approximately 25 percent of the funds for novice applicants.

Because of the separate ranking of novice and non-novice applicants and the set-aside requirements, a number of high-quality applications received through the FY 2004 CTC competition were not funded. Accordingly, the Department proposes to make awards for FY 2005 based on the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition without regard to the set-aside provisions, thereby continuing to support and create local technology programs that are among the strongest in the nation.

#### **Discussion of Proposed Changes**

We will announce the final changes to these requirements in a notice in the **Federal Register**. We will determine the final requirements after considering responses to this notice and other information available to the Department.

#### **Targeted Applicants**

We propose to change two of the requirements of the CTC competition held in 2004 so that the Department is no longer required to: (1) Rank and fund novice and non-novice applicants separately, and (2) set aside at least 75 percent of the funds for non-novice applicants and up to 25 percent of the funds for novice applicants that met the absolute priorities.

For FY 2005, we are proposing to make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 competition in the highest-ranking order, using the same priorities and selection criteria and irrespective of the novice or non-novice status of applicants.

#### **Rationale**

The Department received nearly 500 applications in response to the FY 2004 Notice Inviting Applications for the CTC program. With the \$9.5 million available, the Department awarded 25 grants. A number of high-quality applications remained unfunded. The Assistant Secretary has determined the best way to expend the \$4.9 million appropriated for FY 2005 is to make awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 CTC competition, without taking into account the novice or non-novice status of the applicants. By making awards from the list of unfunded applicants from the FY 2004 competition in this manner, the Department will ensure that the highest-quality applications are funded.

#### **Executive Order 12866**

This notice of proposed changes to requirements has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12866. Under the terms of the order, we have assessed the potential costs and benefits of this regulatory action.

The potential costs associated with the notice of proposed changes to requirements are those resulting from statutory requirements and those we have determined as necessary for administering this program effectively and efficiently.

In assessing the potential costs and benefits—both quantitative and qualitative—of this notice of proposed changes to requirements, we have determined that the benefits of the

proposed change to the requirements governing the FY 2004 CTC competition justify the costs.

We have also determined that this regulatory action does not unduly interfere with State, local, and tribal governments in the exercise of their governmental functions.

#### **Intergovernmental Review**

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive Order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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Dated: April 29, 2005.

**Susan Sclafani,**

*Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

##### **Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education**

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), 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 National Advisory Council on Indian Education (the Council) and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. This notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of the Council's meetings is required under section (10)(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and by the Council's charter.

**Agenda:** The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the development of the annual report to Congress, NACIE activity plan and subcommittee reports. The Council will also receive a briefing on the National Indian Education Conference, including a discussion on strategies gained from the conference for implementing the No Child Left Behind Act in a manner that is consistent with tribal traditions, language and culture.

**Date and Time:** May 23, 2005; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** American Indian Center, 1630 W. Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60640.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bernard Garcia, Group Leader, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-260-1454. Fax: 202-260-7779.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Council advises the Secretary of Education on the funding and administration (including the development of regulations, and administrative policies and practices) of any program over which the Secretary has jurisdiction and includes Indian children or adults as participants or programs that may benefit Indian children or adults, including any program established under Title VII, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The Council submits to the Congress, not later than June 30 of each year, a report on the activities of the Council that includes recommendations the Council considers appropriate for the improvement of Federal education programs that include Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, and recommendations concerning the funding of any such program.

The general public is welcome to attend the May 23, 2005 meeting to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Chicago, IL. Individuals who need accommodations for a disability in order to participate (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Bernard Garcia at 202-260-1454 by May 11, 2005. 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.

Records are kept of all Council proceedings and are available for public inspection at the Office of Indian Education, United States Department of Education, Room 5C141, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: April 29, 2005.

**Margaret Spellings,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC05-545-000; FERC-545]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

April 27, 2005.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**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. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by June 27, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of sample filings of the proposed collection of information can be obtained from the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp>) or to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Attn: Michael Miller, Office of the Executive Director, ED-1, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filing, an original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to The Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and refer to Docket No. IC05-545-000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>

and click on "Make an e-filing", and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through FERC's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at (866) 208-3676. or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at [michael.miller@ferc.gov](mailto:michael.miller@ferc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The

information collected under the requirements of FERC-545 "Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Change (Non-formal)" (OMB No. 1902-0154) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of sections 4, 5, 8, 10 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717c-717o, PL 75-688, 52 Stat. 822 and 830) and Title III of the Natural Gas Policy Act (15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, PL 95-621). A natural gas company must obtain Commission authorization for all rates and charges made, demanded or received in connection with the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce. The Commission is authorized to investigate the rates charged by natural gas pipeline companies subject to its jurisdiction. If, after the investigation, the Commission is of the opinion that the rates are "unjust or unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential," it is authorized to determine and prescribe just and reasonable rates. The NGA also provides the Commission with a means for considering the reasonableness of rates through settlement conferences or hearings.

The data filed in rate change applications for all rates and charges made, demanded, or received in connection with the transportation of natural gas are used by the Commission to establish a basis for determining just and reasonable rates that should be charged, and the rate of return which can be earned by the regulated natural gas company. However rate regulation, combined with the obligations of major natural gas companies to serve all customers fairly and equitably, also prevents rate discrimination. Major natural gas companies and others engaged in the transportation of natural gas must file this information for ratemaking purposes and certain NGPA