

requirements 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, we have determined that the benefits of the proposed priority and proposed application and project requirements 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.

Summary of potential costs and benefits: The Assistant Secretary has determined that the cost to the Federal Government associated with this program will not exceed \$20 million in FY 2002 or FY 2003. In addition, grant recipients (State agencies from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and governing bodies of American Indian tribes located on Federal and State reservations) must contribute a required non-Federal match of at least 10 percent of the total program cost. No other costs will result from the announcement of this proposed priority and proposed application and project requirements.

The benefit of this proposed priority and proposed application and project requirements will be the establishment of the Access to Telework Fund proposed by the President in the *New Freedom Initiative*, which calls for the provision of loans to individuals with disabilities for the purpose of purchasing computers and other equipment, including adaptive equipment, so that individuals with disabilities can telework from home.

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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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.235, Special Demonstration Programs, Access to Telework Fund)

Program Authority: 29 U.S.C. 773(b).

Robert H. Pasternack,
Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Management, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Act), the Department of Education (Department) publishes this notice of a new system of records for the collection and maintenance of information on the issuance of Identification Media for Department of Education employees, retirees, and contractors.

DATES: The Department seeks comment on the new system of records described in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act. We must receive your comments on or before January 27, 2003.

The Department filed a report describing the system of records covered by this notice with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, the Chair of the House Committee on Government Reform, and the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on December 20, 2002. This system of records will become effective at the later date of— (1) the expiration of the 40-day period for OMB review on January 29, 2003 or (2) January 27, 2003, unless the system of records needs to be

changed as a result of public comment or OMB review.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about this system of records to Director, Security Services, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 2W229, FB6, Washington, DC 20202. If you prefer to send comments through the Internet, use the following address: comments@ed.gov.

You must include the term “Security Notice” in the subject line of the electronic comment.

During and after the comment period, you may inspect all comments about this notice in room 2W229, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Federal Building 6, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 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 printer magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this notice. If you want to schedule an appointment for this type of aid, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Shepherd. Telephone: (202) 260-7754. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) requires the Department to publish in the **Federal Register** this notice of a new system of records maintained by the Department. The Department's regulations implementing the Privacy Act are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in 34 CFR part 5b.

The Privacy Act applies to a record about an individual that contains individually identifiable information that is retrieved by a unique identifier associated with each individual, such as a name or social security number. The information about each individual is

called a "record" and the system, whether manual or computer-based, is called a "system of records." The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish notices of systems of records in the **Federal Register** and to prepare reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) whenever the agency publishes a new or altered system of records.

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Dated: December 20, 2002.

William J. Leidinger,

Assistant Secretary for Management.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education publishes a notice of a new system of records to read as follows:

18-05-16

SYSTEM NAME:

Identification Media Records.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Security Services, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 2C103, Washington, DC 20202.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Current employees, Department of Education (Department) retirees, and other persons doing business with the Department.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

This system contains records including an individual's name, home address, social security number, date of birth, contract expiration date, security clearance level and access, digital

picture, office location, and telephone number.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Executive Order 12977 (October 19, 1995) establishing the Interagency Security Committee (ISC) to develop and oversee the implementation of security standards for federal facilities); Title 40 U.S.C. Sections 19, 285, & 490; 41 CFR 101-20.302, Department of Justice Vulnerability Assessment of Federal Facilities Report at table 2-8 (June 28, 1995); and the U.S. Department of Education, Departmental Directive OM: 4-112 (August 30, 2002).

PURPOSE(S):

Records in this system are maintained to provide the Department with information related to the issuance of identification media and access to restricted areas. This system will not be utilized as a means of tracking employee working hours.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The Department of Education (Department) may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records under the routine uses listed in this system of records without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. These disclosures may be made on a case-by-case basis or, if the Department has complied with the computer matching requirements of the Act, under a computer matching agreement.

1. *Disclosure for Use by Law Enforcement Agencies.* The Department may disclose information contained in a record in this system of records to appropriate Federal, State, or local agencies responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting violations of administrative, civil, or criminal law or regulation if that information is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutorial responsibility within the receiving entity's jurisdiction.

2. *Contract Disclosure.* If the Department contracts with an entity for the purposes of performing any function that requires disclosure of records in this system to employees of the contractor, the Department may disclose the records to those employees. Before entering into such a contract, the Department shall require the contractor to maintain Privacy Act safeguards as required under 5 U.S.C. 552a(m) with respect to the records in the system.

3. *Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Disclosure.*

(a) *Introduction.* In the event that one of the following parties is involved in litigation or ADR, or has an interest in litigation or ADR, the Department may disclose certain records to the parties described in paragraphs b, c, and d of this routine use under the conditions specified in those paragraphs:

(i) The Department or any of its components.

(ii) Any Department employee in his or her official capacity.

(iii) Any employee of the Department in his or her official capacity where the Department of Justice (DOJ) is requested to provide or arrange for representation of the employee.

(iv) Any employee of the Department in his or her individual capacity where the Department has agreed to represent the employee.

(v) The United States where the Department determines that the litigation is likely to affect the Department or any of its components.

(b) *Disclosure to the Department of Justice (DOJ).* If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to the DOJ or attorneys engaged by DOJ is relevant and necessary to litigation or ADR and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to DOJ.

(c) *Administrative Disclosures.* If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to an adjudicative body before which the Department is authorized to appear, individual, or entity designated by the Department or otherwise empowered to resolve disputes is relevant and necessary to the administrative litigation or ADR and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the adjudicative body, individual, or entity.

(d) *Parties, Counsel, Representatives, and Witnesses.* If the Department determines that disclosure of certain records to a party, counsel, representative, or witness is relevant and necessary to the litigation or ADR and is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected, the Department may disclose those records as a routine use to the party, counsel, representative, or witness.

(4) *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Advice Disclosure.* To the Department of Justice and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) if the Department seeks advice regarding whether records maintained in this system of records are required to be released under the FOIA and the Privacy Act of 1974.

(5) *Congressional Member Disclosure.* The Department may disclose records to a member of Congress from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the member made at the written request of that individual. The member's right to the information is no greater than the right of the individual who requested it.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Not applicable to this system notice.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in secured space either in locked lektriers, in a room accessible by access control card, or in fire resistant safes with manipulation proof combination locks. Digital records are maintained in a secure computer database.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Electronic and paper records are retrieved by the name of the individual.

SAFEGUARDS:

Paper records are maintained and secured in locked lektriers or in fire resistant safes with manipulation proof combination locks. All records, including those records that are maintained on the computer database, are in limited access rooms with access control. All users are required to have an appropriate security clearance before they are allowed access, on a "need-to-know" basis, to the records. Computer databases are kept on a secured server. Authorized log-on codes and passwords prevent unauthorized users from gaining access to data and system resources. Users must have valid Security System accounts and passwords before accessing the application. Users are required to change their passwords periodically, and they are not allowed to repeat any old passwords. Any individual attempting to log on who fails is locked out of the system after three attempts. Access after that time requires intervention by the system manager.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Electronic identification media records are destroyed/deleted when no longer needed or after separation or transfer from the Department or expiration of contract relationship with the Department, whichever is earlier, in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration's General Records Schedule (GRS) 20, item (3)(b), with the exception of Department retirees. Electronic identification media

records for retirees from the Department are maintained for not more than five years or when no longer needed, whichever is earlier. All paper ID records are maintained in the personnel security and suitability files for not more than five years after separation or transfer from the Department or expiration of contract relationship with the Department in accordance with GRS 18, item 22. These paper records are disposed of by electronic erasure, disintegrator, or shredding.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Security Services, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Management, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 2W229, Washington, DC 20202.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

If you wish to inquire whether a record exists regarding you in this system, you should contact the system manager at the address listed above. You must provide your name, name of organization, and subject matter. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

If you wish to request access to your records, you should contact the system manager at the address listed under System Manager(s) and Address. You must comply with the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.5, including proof of identity.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

If you wish to request an amendment to your records, you should contact the system manager at the address listed under System Manager(s) and Address. Your request must meet the requirements of the Department's Privacy Act regulations at 34 CFR 5b.7.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in this system of records is obtained from individuals, their employers, and contractors of the Department.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-273]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Rainy River Energy Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Rainy River Energy Corporation (Rainy River) has applied to export electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act for a period of two years.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before January 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)).

On November 25, 2002, Rainy River applied to the Office of Fossil Energy, of the Department of Energy (DOE), for authority to export electric energy, on its own behalf, from the United States to Canada. Rainy River, a Minnesota corporation, is engaged in the marketing of electric power at wholesale. Rainy River will purchase the power to be exported from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies as defined in Sections 3(22) and (19)(16 U.S.C. Section 796 (22) and (19)) of the FPA.

In FE Docket No. EA-273, Rainy River proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities presently owned by Minnesota Power, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company and Vermont Electric Transmission Company.