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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Opportunity for the public to make written comments and/or oral comments concerning the NACIQI's report on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

**SUMMARY:** This notice invites the public to submit written comments and requests to make oral comments concerning the NACIQI's draft report on the reauthorization of the HEA.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, 1990 K Street NW., Room 8060, Washington, DC 20006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NACIQI meeting will be held on December 14–16, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, Washington Ballroom, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

During the afternoons of December 15 and December 16, 2011, the Committee will consider its report on the reauthorization of the HEA.

**Agenda for the Portion of the Meeting Concerning the Committee's Draft Report on the HEA:** The portion of the meeting concerning the Committee's draft report will consist of public comments and deliberations concerning the draft report to the Secretary of U.S. Department of Education on the reauthorization of the HEA. The report may be accessed at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/naciqi-dir/hea-recommendations.doc> and <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/naciqi-dir/hea-recommendations.pdf>.

**Submission of Written Comments Concerning the Committee's Draft Report on the Reauthorization of the HEA:** Submitters should provide written comments as a Microsoft Word document that is attached to an electronic mail message (email) or provide comments in the body of an email message. Email messages must be received no later than November 25, 2011, to [aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov](mailto:aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov) with the subject line "Written Comments regarding the draft report on the reauthorization of the HEA: Option Letter and/or Number."

The Department intends to post the submissions on the NACIQI Web site. To help ensure accessibility to all interested parties, we are requesting that all submissions comply with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, or be submitted in an electronic format that can be made accessible, such as Microsoft Word. However, we will accept comments in any electronic or written form provided, but comments submitted in other forms, which are inaccessible, will not be posted online. Instead, we will index the inaccessible comments received and make them available upon request. Also, if copyrighted materials are submitted, written permission to post the materials on the U.S. Department of Education's

NACIQI Web site must accompany the copyrighted materials.

Only materials submitted by the deadline to the email address listed in this notice, and in accordance with these instructions, become part of the official record concerning the reauthorization of the HEA and are considered by the Department and the NACIQI in their deliberations. Do not send material directly to NACIQI members or to staff.

**Instructions for Requests to Make Oral Comments Concerning the Committee's Draft Report on the Reauthorization of the HEA:** There are two methods the public may use to make an oral comment concerning the Committee's report on the reauthorization of the HEA.

**Method One:** Submit a request by email in advance of the meeting to make an oral comment. All individuals or groups submitting an advance request in accordance with this notice will be afforded an opportunity to speak for up to a maximum of three minutes each. Each request must be received no later than November 18, 2011, and must be sent to [aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov](mailto:aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov) with the subject line "Oral Comment Request regarding the draft report on the reauthorization of the HEA: Option Letter and/or Number." Your request (no more than one page maximum) must include:

1. The name, title, affiliation, mailing address, email address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and Web site (if any) of the person/group requesting to speak, and
2. A brief summary of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation.

Do not send material directly to the NACIQI members or staff.

**Method Two:** Register on December 16, 2011, for an opportunity to comment on the draft report. The requester should provide his or her name, title, affiliation, mailing address, email address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and Web site (if any). The requester should provide the "Option Letter and/or Number" for the item the requester wishes to address. Up to 30 minutes total will be divided among oral commenters who register (in addition to those commenters who signed up in advance). Individuals or groups that register to make oral comments on December 16, 2011, will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis for each issue reviewed. If selected, each commenter may speak from three to five minutes, depending on the number of individuals or groups who registered for an oral presentation opportunity for each issue. The

Committee may engage the commenter in discussion afterwards. If a person or group requests to make comments in advance, they cannot sign-up to make comments at the meeting.

Members of the public will be eligible to make oral comments concerning the reauthorization of the HEA only in accordance with these instructions. The oral comments made will become part of the official record and will be considered by the Department and the NACIQI in their deliberations.

**Written and Oral Comments Concerning the Agencies/Institutions Scheduled for Review on December 14 and 15, 2011:** Two separate **Federal Register** notices were previously published on August 17, 2011 (76 FR 51014) and [publication date to be determined for the NACIQI Oral Comments notice] that contained the meeting notice and instructions for providing written or oral comments concerning the agencies and the Federal institution scheduled for review.

**Access to Records of the Meeting:** The Department will record the meeting and post the official report of the meeting on the NACIQI Web site shortly after the meeting. Pursuant to the FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 1990 K Street NW., Washington, DC, by emailing [aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov](mailto:aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov), or by calling (202) 219-7067 to schedule an appointment.

**Reasonable Accommodation:** Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the December 14-16, 2011 meeting (*i.e.*, interpreter services, assistive listening devices, and/or materials in alternative format) should contact department staff by telephone: (202) 219-7011; or, email: [aslrecordsmanagement@ed.gov](mailto:aslrecordsmanagement@ed.gov), no later than November 21, 2011. We will attempt to meet requests after this date but cannot guarantee the availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melissa Lewis, Executive Director, NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, Room 8060, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 219-7009; email: [Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lewis@ed.gov). 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 Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**NACIQI'S Statutory Authority and Functions:** The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c. The NACIQI

advises the Secretary of Education about:

- The establishment and enforcement of the Criteria for Recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under Subpart 2, Part H, Title IV, HEA, as amended.
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-243-B]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Tenaska Power Services Co.

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Tenaska Power Services Co. (Tenaska) has applied to renew its

authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before December 1, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to (202) 586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at (202) 586-5260, or by email to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C.824a(e)).

On August 16, 2001, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-243 which authorized Tenaska to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a two-year term using existing international transmission facilities. DOE renewed the Tenaska export authorization on March 1, 2007 in Order No. EA-243-A. That authority will expire on March 1, 2012. On September 13, 2011, Tenaska filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-243-A for an additional five-year term.

The electric energy that Tenaska proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by Tenaska have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal