

of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning acquisition of helium. A request for public comments was published at 66 FR 32608, June 15, 2001. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 21, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Nelson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1900.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

The Helium Act (Pub. L. 86-777) (50 U.S.C. 167a, *et seq.*) and the Department of the Interior's implementing regulations (30 CFR Parts 601 and 602) require Federal agencies to procure all major helium requirements from the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

The FAR requires offerors responding to contract solicitations to provide information as to their forecast of helium required for performance of the contract. Such information will facilitate enforcement of the requirements of the Helium Act and the contractual provisions requiring the use of Government helium by agency contractors, in that it will permit corrective action to be taken if the Bureau of Land Management, after comparing helium sales data against helium requirement forecasts, discovers apparent serious discrepancies.

The information is used in administration of certain Federal

contracts to ensure contractor compliance with contract clauses. Without the information, the required use of Government helium cannot be monitored and enforced effectively.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 20.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Total Responses:* 20.

*Hours Per Response:* 1.

*Total Burden Hours:* 20.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals:**

Requester may obtain a copy of the proposal from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0113, Acquisition of Helium, in all correspondence.

Dated: August 17, 2001.

**Al Matera,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Performance Review Boards Membership**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Army.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 23, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Stokes, U.S. Army Senior Executive Service Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, 111 Army, Washington, DC 20310-0111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C. requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more senior Executive Service performance review boards. The boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives' performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the Consolidated Commands are:

1. Hugh M. Exton, Jr., Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer (Public Works), Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe

2. William Campbell, III, Deputy Chief of Staff Resource Management, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe
3. Dr. Michael L. Gentry, Senior Technical Director/Chief Engineer, U.S. Army Signal Command
4. Mr. Stephen Koons, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, U.S. Army Forces Command
5. Mr. Mark J. Lumer, Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command
6. Dr. Michael J. Lavan, Director, Advanced Technology Directorate, U.S. Army Space & Missile Defense Command
7. Mr. Robert Seger, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command
8. BG Stanton, Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command
9. Ms. Diane Devens, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Base Operations Support, U.S. Army Training & Doctrine Command
10. Mr. John Metzler, Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Army Military District of Washington
11. Mr. Richard McSeveney, Deputy to the Commander for Installation Support, U.S. Army Military District of Washington
12. MG Kenneth Privratsky, Commander, Military Traffic Management Command
13. Mr. William J. Cooper, Director, MTMC Transportation Engineering Agency, Military Traffic Management Command
14. Mr. William S. Rich, Jr., Deputy & Technical Director, U.S. Army National Ground Intelligence Center, U.S. Army Intelligence & Security Command

**John A. Hall,**

*Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 21, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Lauren\\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**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.

Dated: August 16, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

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

#### *Office of Postsecondary Education*

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Title:** Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships (LAAP) Guidelines for Annual Performance Reports with Auxiliary Collection Instruments (JS).

**Frequency:** Annually other: Enrollment.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 40.

Burden Hours: 1600.

**Abstract:** The current Annual Progress Report format for the LAAP grant program was used for formative evaluation last year. With that

experience we have refined the GPRA indicators and the measures for collecting data across projects that is comparable, consistent, and reliable. We have also taken a modular approach to structuring the narrative of the report, so that the collection is less burdensome to respondents, yet more useful to program evaluation. Finally, we have augmented the Annual Report data collection by doing a follow-up telephone interview to validate and enrich data, as well as a software evaluation protocol for assessing the quality of the educational software products that may result from the grant projects.

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, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 SCHUBART at (202) 708-9266. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

#### *Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs*

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Title:** Federal Register Notice Inviting Applications for the Participation in the Quality Assurance (QA) Program (JS).

**Frequency:** Other: One time.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions (primary), businesses or other for-profit, Federal Government.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 125.

Burden Hours: 125.

**Abstract:** With this notice, the Secretary invites institutions of higher education to send a letter of application to participate in the Department of Education's Quality Assurance (QA) Program. This Program is intended to allow and encourage participating institutions to develop and implement their own comprehensive programs to verify student financial aid application data. It also encourages alternative management approaches in areas of institutional processing and disbursement of Title IV funds, and entrance and exit counseling.

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, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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#### *Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs*

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Title:** Federal Perkins Loan/NDL Promissory Notes (JS).

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or household (primary), businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

**Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:**

Responses: 690,000.

Burden Hours: 345,000.

**Abstract:** The promissory note is the means by which a borrower applies for a Federal Perkins Loan or National Direct Student Loan and promises to repay the loan.

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, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@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 Joe Schubart at (202) 708-9266. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

#### *Office of the Undersecretary*

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Title:** Study of State Administration of Even Start and Statewide Family Literacy Initiative Grants (JM).

**Frequency:** On occasion.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs (primary).

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 94.

Burden Hours: 240.

*Abstract:* The Study of State Administration of Even Start and Statewide Family Literacy Initiative Grants will systematically describe the structure and processes associated with all major areas of Even Start administration at the state level. This information is needed by the U.S. Department of Education to enhance its capacity to monitor the development and improvement of the Even Start program and provide guidance and assistance to the states. This study will involve two data collection components: (1) Survey of State Even Start Coordinators which will include Even Start state coordinators and (2) State Even Start Case Study Interviews (telephone interviews with six state coordinators, and site visit interviews with six additional state coordinators and up to five additional state staff per each of these six states).

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, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_RIMG@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 Montague at (202) 708-5359. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

*Office of the Chief Financial Officer*

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Streamlined Process for Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Approved Grant Applications (JM).

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1.

Burden Hours: 1.

*Abstract:* Since April 1997, EDGAR's menu of selection criteria become effective. For each competition, the

Secretary would select one or more criteria that best enable the Department to identify the highest quality applications consistent with the program purpose, statutory requirements, and any priorities established. This allows the Secretary the flexibility to weigh the criteria according to the needs of each individual program. This menu of selection criteria will provide the Department the flexibility to choose a set of criteria tailored to a given competition and obviate the need to create specific selection criteria through individual program regulations. ED is requesting a streamlined clearance process for programs of approved applications who choose to change: (1) Criteria from the same EDGAR menu; (2) old EDGAR to new EDGAR criteria, or (3) program criteria to EDGAR criteria.

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, DC 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 Montague at (202) 708-5359. 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

[Docket No. EA-246]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, L.P.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Mirant Americas Energy Marketing, L.P. (Mirant) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 21, 2001.

**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:

Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 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 July 9, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Mirant to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. Mirant, a Delaware limited partnership, with its principal place of business in Georgia, is engaged in the marketing and trading of electricity at wholesale. Mirant does not own or control any electric power generation or transmission facilities and does not have a franchised service area.

Mirant proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizen Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Mirant, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**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 DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Mirant application to export electric energy to Canada