

CFR 1500–1508), and DOE NEPA implementing regulations (10 CFR 1021), Western completed an environmental impact statement (EIS) on its Energy Planning and Management Program. The Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 53181, October 12, 1995).

Western also completed the 2004 Power Marketing Program EIS (2004 EIS), and the Record of Decision was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 22934, April 28, 1997). The Marketing Plan falls within the range of alternatives considered in the 2004 EIS. This NEPA review identified and analyzed environmental effects related to the Marketing Plan. Available reservoir storage and water releases controlled by Reclamation influences marketable CVP and Washoe project electrical capacity and energy. Reclamation completed a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) under the CVP Improvement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–575, Title 34) on October 1999. Actions based on the PEIS may result in modifications to CVP facilities and operations that would affect the timing and quantity of electric power generated by the CVP. Such changes may affect electric power products and services marketed by SNR. The Marketing Plan has the flexibility to accommodate these changes. Western was a cooperating agency in Reclamation's PEIS process.

#### **Determination Under Executive Order 12866**

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866. No clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

#### **Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act**

Western has determined that this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking of particular applicability relating to services and involves matters of procedure.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

**Michael S. HacsKaylo,**  
*Administrator.*

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## **COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **National Environmental Policy Act Task Force; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) established a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Task Force to review the current NEPA implementing practices and procedures in the following areas: Technology and information management; federal and intergovernmental collaboration; programmatic analyses and subsequent tiered documents; and adaptive management and monitoring. In addition, the NEPA Task Force reviewed other NEPA implementation issues such as the level of detail included in agencies' procedures and documentation for promulgating categorical exclusions; the structure and documentation of environmental assessments; and other implementation practices that would benefit federal agencies.

"The Task Force Report to the Council on Environmental Quality—Modernizing NEPA Implementation" was published and presented to CEQ on September 24, 2003. The Report contains recommendations designed to improve federal agency decision making by modernizing the NEPA process. To further the work of the NEPA Task Force, CEQ is holding a series of regional public roundtables to raise public awareness of the NEPA Task Force draft recommendations and discuss the recommendations and their implementation. The Southern Regional Roundtable will be held on December 11 and 12 at the historic Cadre Building, 149 Monroe Ave, Memphis, Tennessee. Information about the location is at <http://www.cadrebuilding.com/>. The Memphis Roundtable is co-hosted by the Southern Environmental Law Center, Duke Environmental Leadership Program at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences, and The Environmental Policy Information Center at Jacksonville State University. Representatives from important constituent groups that have worked on NEPA issues have been invited to participate in a discussion of the recommendations. Announcements of future roundtables will be published on the NEPA Task Force web site and in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** The southern regional public roundtable will be held on December 11

and 12. The December 11 session will begin at 9 a.m. and interested members of the public will have an opportunity to present their views at 3:30 p.m. following the roundtable discussion. That session will end in the evening after the public's views have been presented. The session on December 12 will begin at 9 a.m. and interested members of the public will have an opportunity to present their views at 11 a.m. following the roundtable discussion.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties can review the Task Force report via the CEQ Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/> or the NEPA Task Force Web site at <http://www.ceq.eh.doe.gov/nft/>. If you would like a printed copy, please mail a request to The NEPA Task Force, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20585, or contact Bill Perhach at (202) 395–0826 to request a copy.

Dated: September 25, 2003.

**James L. Connaughton,**  
*Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality.*

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## **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection—new: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Commission announces its intent to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to approve a new information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to Frances M. Hart, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 10th Floor, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commentators, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments transmitted by facsimile ("FAX") machine. The telephone number of the FAX receiver is (202)

663-4114 (this is not a toll-free number). Only comments of six or fewer pages will be accepted via FAX transmittal. This limitation is necessary to assure access to the equipment. Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4070 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TTY) (these are not toll-free telephone numbers). Copies of comments submitted by the public will be available to review at the Commission's library, Room 6502, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Fisher, Acting Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507, (202) 663-4056 (voice). This notice is available in the following formats: Large print, braille, audio tape and electronic file on computer disk. Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Publications Center at 1-800-699-3362.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) enforces title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Rehabilitation Act, title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Pregnancy Employment Discrimination Act. Pursuant to its authority under those statutes, EEOC launched the "Freedom to Compete" (FTC) initiative, a national outreach, education and coalition-building strategy designed to complement the agency's enforcement and litigation efforts by identifying EEO practices and programs worthy of emulation. The Commission has built and seeks to further build partnerships and strategic alliances with various stakeholders that can directly and indirectly ensure equal opportunity in the nation's workplaces. One component of this initiative is the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award. The Award is designed to recognize employers, organizations and entities whose extraordinary efforts embody the EEOC's mission of ensuring individuals the freedom to compete in the workplace on a level playing field regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion or disability. The Award will be presented to entities that have demonstrated exemplary efforts in promoting free and unfettered access to opportunities in the workplace. The Award will be based on nominations received from the public.

This notice concerns the nomination form which constitutes a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, and OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the Commission solicits public comment on its proposed nomination form to enable it to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on 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 submission of responses.

The remainder of this **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section provides the public with information it will need to comment on the EEOC proposal. It contains an overview of the information collection and the proposed nomination form.

#### **Overview of This Information Collection**

*Collection Title:* Nomination for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award.

*OMB Number:* None.

*Description of Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Businesses or other for profit, Not-for-profit institutions; State or local governments.

*Number of Responses:* 100.

*Estimated Reporting Time Per Respondent:* 10 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,000 hours.

*Federal Cost:* None

*Form—*Nomination Form for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom To Compete" Award.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award is designed to recognize organizations and individuals whose extraordinary efforts embody the EEOC's mission of ensuring individuals the freedom to compete in the workplace on a level playing field and

to go as far as their talent and abilities will allow regardless of race, color, gender, age, national origin, religion or disability. Award winners will be given the Commission's "Freedom to Compete" Award, which will be presented by the Chair of the Commission at an annual ceremony in Washington, DC. All nominees will be required to disclose any charges and litigation involving the statutes enforced by the Commission. Receipt of the "Freedom to Compete" Award does not constitute a waiver by the Commission nor will it be considered with respect to any future charges and investigations against nominees or award recipients. Background: In 2002, under the leadership of Chair Cari M. Dominguez, EEOC launched the "Freedom to Compete" (FTC) initiative, a national outreach, education and coalition-building strategy designed to complement the agency's enforcement and litigation efforts by identifying EEO practices and programs worthy of emulation. The Commission has built and seeks to further build partnerships and strategic alliances with various stakeholders that can directly and indirectly influence positive change in the nation's workplaces. The Award will be presented to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exemplary efforts in promoting free and unfettered access to opportunities in the workplace. The Award will be called the "Freedom to Compete" Award.

*Eligibility Criteria:* The following criteria apply to the Freedom to Compete Award Nominees:

A. The nominees must be public or private employers, corporations, associations, organizations, or others whose activities exemplify the goals of the Chair's "Freedom to Compete" initiative. Nominees may self-nominate or be nominated by others.

B. Nominees must have implemented a program or practice that has successfully removed barriers that hinder free and fair workplace competition and increased access, inclusion, and/or promotional opportunities for qualified workers. The program or practice must involve one or more of the following components: innovative leadership, outreach, education, recruitment, training/development, promotion, retention, and/or mentoring.

C. Nominees must report any unresolved violations of state or Federal law, or any pending Federal or state enforcement actions, any corrective actions or consent decrees that have resulted from litigation under the laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

D. Recipients of this Award agree to participate in programs, meetings, and/or other collaborative efforts with the Commission for the purpose of publicizing the award-winning program/effort, and agree to share information to assist other entities seeking to replicate the program/effort. Recipients agree to take part in Commission efforts to promote the "Freedom to Compete" Award and the principles of free and fair workplace competition that underlie the award.

#### *Nomination Submission Requirements*

This is an essay format (1,000 words or less) application. Programs/activities must have been in place for at least one year and have measurable and demonstrable results.

Essays should include the following:

- A profile of your organization—its mission, size, number of employees, nature of work, and, if a business, a description of its products/services, assets and annual revenues.
- A description of what led you to implement the program/practice.
- How you went about developing the program/practice. Describe who was involved, how it evolved, whether any major obstacles were encountered and how they were overcome, and how long the program/practice has been in place.
- A description of the program/practice. Explain the structure of the program/practice, how it is managed and measured, and who is accountable for results.
- Describe the level of executive involvement in, and commitment to, the program/practice during both development and implementation.
- A description of the tangible results. Explain what makes your program/practice effective, and how it has positively affected the lives of your workers. Address how the program/practice has helped to bring about free and fair competition in your workplace.
- A description of the joint activities your organization and the EEOC could undertake to share the program/effort with other entities and to promote the principles of free and fair workplace competition in partnership. Explain why others would find your program valuable.

*Timing and Acceptable Methods of Submission of Nominations:* Nomination packages must be submitted to \_\_\_, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507 by \_\_\_, 2003. Any application received or postmarked after \_\_\_ will not be considered. All applications will be acknowledged

*The Administrative Review Process:* Nominations will be evaluated by EEOC

staff, with final award determinations made by the EEOC Chair.

*Location:* The awards ceremony will generally be held during the month of \_\_\_ at a location to be determined by the EEOC Chair.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act Notice (Public Law 104-13)*

Persons are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection of information is approved under OMB number \_\_\_ (Expiration Date: \_\_\_). The obligation to respond to this information collection is voluntary; however, only nomination that follow the nomination procedures outlined in this notice will receive consideration. The average time to respond to this information collection is estimated to be 10 hours per response; including time for reviewing instructions, researching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Submit comments regarding this estimate; including suggestions for reducing response time to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office of the Chair, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507. Please reference to OMB Number \_\_\_. We are very interested in your thoughts and suggestions about your experience in preparing and filing this nomination packet for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Freedom to Compete Award. Your comments will be very useful to the Commission in making improvements in our solicitation for nominations for this award in subsequent years.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

For the Commission.

**Cari M. Dominguez,**  
*Chair.*

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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority**

November 24, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this

opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should submit comments by February 2, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-C804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the internet to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Judith B. Herman at (202) 418-0214 or via the internet at [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0599.

*Title:* Implementation of Section 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act.

*Form No.:* N/A.

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

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit and state, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 45.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1.66 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement.

*Total Annual Burden:* 75 hours.

*Annual Cost Burden:* N/A.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collected will create regulatory symmetry among similar mobile