

President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on the needs of HBCUs in the areas of infrastructure, academic programs, and faculty and institutional development; (c) to advise the Secretary in the preparation of an annual Federal plan for assistance to HBCUs in increasing their capacity to participate in Federal programs; (d) to provide the President with an annual progress report on enhancing the capacity of HBCUs to serve their students; and (e) to develop, in consultation with the Department of Education and other Federal agencies, a private sector strategy to assist HBCUs.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve the Board's 2002–2003 Annual Report and to discuss other items pertinent to the Board and the nation's HBCUs.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or material in alternative format) should notify ReShone Moore at (202) 502–7893, no later than Thursday, September 2, 2004. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but, cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

An opportunity for public comment is available on Thursday, September 16, 2004, between 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Those members of the public interested in submitting written comments may do so at the address indicated above by Thursday, September 9, 2004.

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**Rod Paige,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Management; Membership Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of Membership of the Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces the members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) for the Department of Education for the Senior Executive

Service (SES) performance cycle that ended June 30, 2004. Under 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1) through (5), each agency is required to establish one or more PRBs.

### Composition and Duties

The PRB of the Department of Education for 2004 is composed of career senior executives and Presidential appointees.

The PRB reviews and evaluates the initial appraisal of each senior executive's performance, along with any comments by that senior executive and by any higher-level executive or executives. The PRB makes recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive, including recommendations on performance awards. The Department of Education's PRB also makes recommendations on SES pay adjustments for career senior executives.

### Membership

The Secretary has selected the following executives of the Department of Education to serve on the PRB of the Department of Education for the specified SES performance cycle: Chair: William Leidinger, John Higgins, Jack Martin, Sally Stroup, Patricia Guard, Gary Hopkins, Jeanette Lim, Philip Link, Thomas Skelly, Ricky Takai, Veronica Trietsch, and Steven Winnick.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Althea Watson, Director, Executive Resources Team, Human Resources Services, Office of Management, U.S. Department of Education, room 2E124, FOB–6, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202–4573. Telephone: (202) 401–2548.

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**Rod Paige,**

*Secretary of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–260–A]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; EPCOR Merchant and Capital (US) Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** EPCOR Merchant and Capital (US) Inc. (EMC) 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.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 20, 2004.

**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:

Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202–586–7983 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 April 8, 2002, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA–260 authorizing EMC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using existing international electric transmission facilities. That two-year authorization expired on April 8, 2004.

On July 8, 2004, FE received an application from EMC to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. DOE requests that this renewal be issued for a five-year term. EMC is a Delaware