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Dated: December 20, 2000.

**Curtis L. Richards,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Teleconference

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of executive committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is

intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting. The public is being given less than 15 day notice of this meeting because of the need to expedite a decision and accommodate the travel schedules of the members.

**DATE:** January 4, 2001.

*Time:* 10-11 a.m., EST.

*Location:* Room 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Grace Lucier, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Washington, DC 20208-7564. Tel.: (202) 219-1628; e-mail:

Mary\_Grace\_Lucier@ed.gov. The main telephone number for the Board is (202) 208-0692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994. The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The teleconference is open to the public. The Executive Committee will consider changes to its meeting schedule for the year and authorize a staff salary revision. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Suite 100, 80 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20208-7564.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

**Rafael Valdivieso,**

*Executive Director.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC01-719-000, FERC-719]

##### Proposed Information Collection and Request for Comments

December 20, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for Office of Management and Budget Emergency

Processing of proposed information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is providing notice of its request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency processing of a proposed collection of information in connection with the California electricity markets, and is soliciting public comment on that information collection.

**DATES:** The Commission and OMB must receive comments on or before December 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to:

(1) Michael Miller, Office of the Chief Information Officer, CI-1, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Mr. Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 208-1415 and by e-mail at [mike.miller@ferc.fed.us](mailto:mike.miller@ferc.fed.us); and

(2) Amy Farrell, FERC Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202 NEOB, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Ms. Farrell may be reached by telephone at (202) 395-7318 or by fax at (202) 395-7285.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Morton, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, (202) 208-0642.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Power Act directs the Commission to ensure just and reasonable rates for transmission and wholesale sales of electricity in interstate commerce. See 16 U.S.C. 824e(a). To enable the Commission to fulfill this duty, the Federal Power Act also authorizes the Commission to conduct investigations of, and collect information from public utilities. See 16 USC 825, 825c, 825f, and 825j. The Commission has been investigating the California electricity market, which is in a state of emergency with prices at extremely high levels. The Commission has concluded that a primary cause of the problems was that the investor-owned utilities in California (IOUs) were required to sell all the power they generate into the California Power Exchange (PX), and then buy back from the PX all the power they need. This requirement caused IOUs to make most of their purchases on the spot market. On December 15, 2000, the Commission issued an order to remedy the problems in California. *San Diego Gas & Electric Co., et al. v. Sellers of Energy and Ancillary Services et al.*, Docket No. EL00-95-000 et al., 93 FERC ¶61, 294. That order includes reporting