Agenda: The Army Science Board (ASB) Summer Study Panel will meet for discussions on ''Enabling Rapid and Decisive Strategic Maneuver for the Army After 2010.'' This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Wayne Joyner at (703) 604–7490.

Wayne Joyner,

Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202–4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *PatSherrill@ed.gov,* or should be faxed to 202–708–9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708–8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and 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 at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer.

Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: National Survey to Determine the Need for Special Education Services.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 689; Burden Hours: 668.

Abstract: The Office of Correctional Education is conducting a study to determine the number of incarcerated juvenile and youthful offenders with disabilities. This study is being undertaken by the American Institutes for Research. Three surveys and methodology are being presented for review.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99–04: Human Genome Program—Technological Advances

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications in support of the DOE Human Genome Program (HGP). This program is a coordinated, multidisciplinary, goal-oriented research effort to obtain a detailed understanding of the human genome at the molecular level. High throughput sequencing is now a major focus of the program, but needs for supporting resources and technologies remain in several areas.

DATES: Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99–04, should be received by DOE by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., December 3, 1998. A response to the preapplications discussing the potential program relevance and encouraging or discouraging a formal application generally will be communicated within several days of receipt.

Formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., February 23, 1999, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in FY 1999.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99–04, should be sent preferable by E-mail to joanne.corcoran@oer.doe.gov, however, preapplications will also be accepted if mailed to the following address: Ms. Joanne Corcoran, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC–72, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, or transmitted by facsimile to (301) 903–8521.

After receiving notification from DOE concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC–64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99–04. The above address for formal applications also must be used for transmission by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail

delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marvin Stodolsky if referencing topics (1–4) and Dr. Daniel Drell if referencing topic (5) and Ms. Joanne Corcoran for general program information. Their email addresses are marvin.stodolsky@oer.doe.gov, daniel.drell@oer.doe.gov and joanne.corcoran@oer.doe.gov with telephone exchange (301) 903 and respective extensions 4475, 4742 and 6488. E-mail communications are preferred. General HGP information can also be obtained with Internet browsers at: http://www.er.doe.gov/production/ober/hug_top.html, http://www.ornl.gov/TechResources/Human_Genome/home.html, and sites linked to these WWW pages. The solicitation topics are in accordance with the 1998 revision of the 5-year goals of the U.S. HGP. It is published in the October 21, 1998 issue of the journal, Science, volume 282 and is available on the Internet at: http://www.ornl.gov/hg5yp. The full text of Program Notice 99–04 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this solicitation near term resource development or improvements are sought in: (1) Large insert DNA clone libraries and their characterization; (2) chemistries and biochemistries for DNA sequencing; (3) protocols and reagents for full length messenger RNA to cDNA production and sequencing; (4) characterizing exceptional chromosomal regions including those near telomeres and centromers by sequencing and/or other relevant methodologies; and (5) computational processing of sequence information including viewing, curating, and integrating. Instrumentation development complementary to these topics was sought under a separate solicitation and is specifically excluded from this call.

Topic Details

The goal of (1), large insert DNA clone libraries and their characterization, is to provide additional resources in support of human and mouse genomics, and perform characterizations supportive of genomic sequencing. The vectors for the libraries should be of the generic BAC (bacterial artificial chromosomes) type, supporting stable maintenance of their inserts in bacterial hosts. For a mouse library, the C57Bl/6J strain should be the source of the DNA, with a 10–15 fold genome coverage sought. There should be two sub-libraries, with DNA fragments generated by different restriction nucleases to diminish representation biases. Also to diminish representation biases, DNA breakage by shearing only is a desired substitute to breakage by restriction. If this improvement can be implemented quickly, both mouse and human libraries produced from sheared DNAs are sought. Companion quality control analyses must be specified. Separate applications are sought for more extensive characterization of the BACs by restriction fingerprinting, end sequencing of inserts, cDNA mapping onto BACs and/or other high throughput methodologies supportive of genomics projects.

The goal of (2), chemistries and biochemistries for DNA sequencing, is to further bring speed and economies to DNA sequencing through improvements in reagents such as enzymes, their substrates, reporting labels and related protocols.

The goal of (3), protocols and reagents for full length messenger RNA to cDNA production and sequencing, is to address outstanding needs in characterizing messenger RNA populations of tissues, as represented by more stable derivative libraries of cDNAs. Particularly for human sources, obtaining mRNAs with minimal degradation remains troublesome. For longer mRNAs, faithful conversion to cDNAs is problematic. Within completed libraries, identifying optimal representatives for complete sequencing is still time consuming and expensive. For cDNAs in the few kilobase size range, full length sequencing does not yet have the economies of sequencing longer DNAs. Applications which address these problem areas are sought. Reports on recent workshops on cDNAs can be accessed on the Internet through the WWW site http://www.ornl.gov/meetings/wccs/index.html.

The goal of (4), characterizing exceptional chromosomal regions including those near telomeres and centromers by sequencing and/or other relevant methodologies, recognizes that current sequencing strategies may prove inadequate for chromosomal regions which are troubled by abundant repeat structures, or are the boundaries of heterochromatin and euchromatin regions. Applications addressing these problem areas specifically as they apply to chromosomes 5, 16 and 19 are sought.

The goal of (5) computational processing of sequence information including viewing, curating, and integrating, seeks ways to more efficiently and more accurately assemble partial DNA sequences, to identify regions of biological significance, and to more efficiently utilize previously determined DNA sequence to identify polymorphisms and to characterize related but not yet sequenced DNA. An additional interest is identification of useful standards, which may include (but is not limited to) controlled vocabularies, data types, and annotation types. Standards development must proceed with user community input. A report on a May, 1998 workshop on informatics needs can be accessed on the Internet at: http://www.ornl.gov/TechResources/Human_Genome/publicat/hgn/v9n3/02doenih.html

Program Funding

It is anticipated that a total of $7,000,000 will be available for grant awards in this area during FY 1999 and FY 2000, contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. Multiple year funding of grant awards is expected, and is also contingent upon availability of funds, progress of the research, and continuing program need. Projected awards will be in the range of $50,000 per year up to $1,000,000 per year with terms of 2 to 3 years.

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following evaluation criteria listed in descending order of importance as codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d):

1. Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project,
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach,
3. Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources,
4. Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the announcement and an agency's programmatic needs. Note, external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Non-federal reviewers may be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

Information about the development and submission of applications, eligibility, limitations, evaluation, selection process, and other policies and procedures may be found in 10 CFR Part 605, and in the Application Guide for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program. Electronic access to

the Guide and required forms is made available via the World Wide Web at: http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html. The Project Description must be 25 pages or less, exclusive of attachments. The application must contain an abstract or project summary, letters of intent from collaborators, and short curriculum vitaes consistent with NIH guidelines.

The Office of Science, as part of its grant regulations, requires at 10 CFR 605.11(b) that a recipient receiving a grant to perform research involving recombinant DNA molecules and/or organisms and viruses containing recombinant DNA molecules shall comply with the National Institutes of Health ''Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules'', which is available via the world wide web at: http://www.niehs.nih.gov/odhsb/biosafe/nih/nih97-1.html, (59 FR 34496, July 5, 1994), or such later revision of those guidelines as may be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 81.049, and the solicitation control number is ERFAP 10 CFR part 605.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 9, 1998.

John Rodney Clark,

Associate Director of Science for Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99–51–002]

Algonquin Gas Transmission; Notice of Compliance Filing

November 18, 1998.

Take notice that on November 13, 1998, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets to become effective November 2, 1998:

Second Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 662 Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 715

Algonquin asserts that the above listed tariff sheets are being filed to comply with the Commission's Letter Order issued on October 29, 1998, in Docket Nos. RP99–51–000 and RP99–51–001 (October 29 Order).

Algonquin states that Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 715 filed herewith incorporates by reference sections (v) and (vi) of the Gas Industry Standards Board (GISB) standard 1.3.2 in compliance with the October 29 Order. Algonquin also states that Second Sub Third Revised Sheet No. 662 revises the No Bump Policy in Section 23.3 of the General Terms and Conditions to provide notice consistent with the Imposition of Flow Orders in Section 29.3 of the General Terms and Conditions in compliance with the October 29 Order.

Algonquin states that copies of the filing were mailed to all affected customers of Algonquin and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP99–54–001]

Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

November 18, 1998.

Take notice that on November 13, 1998, Carnegie Interstate Pipeline Company (CIPCO), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, to be effective November 2, 1998:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 102
Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 102A
Original Sheet No. 102B
Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 103
Substitute Sixth Revised Sheet No. 146

CIPCO states that this filing is being made in compliance with Commission Order No. 587–H, issued by the Commission on July 15, 1998 and the Office of Pipeline Regulation's October 29, 1998 Letter Order in this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TM99–1–22–002]

CNG Transmission Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 18, 1998.

Take notice that on November 9, 1998, CNG Transmission Corporation (CNG), tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of November 1, 1998:

Substitute Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 31
Second Substitute forty-first Revised Sheet No. 32
Second Substitute forty-first Revised Sheet No. 33
Substitute Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 34

CNG states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's October 29, 1998 Order on CNG's October 1, 1998 Transportation Cost Rate Adjustment (TCRA) filing. Specifically, CNG has modified rates on its enclosed tariff sheets to reflect the Commission's denial of requested waivers, to (1) include a projected amount for undercollected products extraction fuel costs, and (2) recover accumulated under-recovery of products extraction fuel costs in the reservation component of rates, rather than the usage component.

CNG states that copies of its letter of transmittal and enclosures are being mailed to the parties to the captioned proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the