

synthesized research validated information, and to provide national technical assistance on issues in the area of identification and assessment of children with learning disabilities. This Center was designed from its inception to conduct both research and technical assistance activities with a shift over the project period from primarily research to a larger proportion of dissemination and technical assistance activities.

Extension and Waiver

The Center's current project period is scheduled to end on September 30, 2006. However, with the recent release of the Federal regulations implementing Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as reauthorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, there is an urgent need to continue certain of the Center's data analysis, dissemination, and technical assistance activities for an additional year. The new procedures in the regulations regarding the identification of children with learning disabilities are one of the major implementation challenges that States and local school districts will face in implementing the new regulations. In order to ensure that continued assistance is available to assist States and local school districts, the Secretary is waiving the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a) and intends to issue a continuation award to the existing grantee for an additional twelve-month period.

The Center will continue its dissemination and technical assistance activities, including further development and implementation of a technical assistance and dissemination approach that links research to practice and promotes the use of current knowledge and ongoing research findings. Under this approach, the Center works with other Department of Education technical assistance providers to communicate research findings and distribute products; and prepares the research findings and products in formats that are useful for specific audiences, including general education researchers, and local, State, and national policymakers, as well as education practitioners. In addition to this broad dissemination of information, the Center will continue its work with the previously identified implementation sites, local schools and districts that the Center has been working with over the past three years, assisting them in their efforts to implement response to intervention and to evaluate and document progress of those efforts. Based on the knowledge

gained, the Center will continue to develop materials to assist in effective large-scale implementation of response to intervention and the identification of children with learning disabilities. The Center also will be continuing work to develop additional technical assistance products on specific learning disabilities and complete an Implementation Resource Kit on Learning Disabilities.

Finally, the Center will complete final analysis of data from the longitudinal identification studies in math and reading that the Center conducted to investigate the impact of various identification models on the number of students identified with a specific learning disability. Data from these studies also will be analyzed to inform the Center's development of products to assist with the implementation of response to intervention and the identification of students with learning disabilities.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking and Delayed Effective Date

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) (APA) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on an extension of project period and waiver under 34 CFR 75.250 and 75.261(a). The APA provides that an agency is not required to conduct notice and comment rulemaking when the agency for good cause finds that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. We have determined that conducting rulemaking on the proposed extension and waiver would be impracticable because the Department cannot both conduct rulemaking and issue a continuation award to the Center by September 30, 2006. Further, it is essential that the Department make the continuation award to ensure that the critical work being conducted by the Center continues, including providing significant technical assistance to States and local school districts as they begin implementation of the provisions of IDEA and the Part B regulations regarding response to intervention and the identification of children with specific learning disabilities. Rulemaking was not conducted on this matter at an earlier time because the critical need for assistance on this issue was not realized until the issuance of the Part B regulations on August 3, 2006 and the subsequent OSEP Leadership meeting with all of the State Directors of Special Education on August 21–23, 2006.

The APA also provides that a substantive rule may not take effect within 30 days from publication unless the agency for good cause finds that a delayed effective date would not be in the public interest. For the reasons described in the preceding paragraph, we also are waiving the APA's requirement that this extension and waiver be published at least 30 days before the effective date.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the extension of the project period and waiver will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The only entity that will be affected is the Center on Learning Disabilities.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This extension of project period and waiver does not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79.

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Dated: September 14, 2006.

Andrew J. Pepin,

Executive Administrator, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, November 9, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Marriott West Loop—by the Galleria, 1750 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Washington, DC 20585. Phone: 202-586-1023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy, Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

Tentative Agenda:

Wednesday, November 8:

- Reports on key Department of Energy-supported field projects.
- Report on August Fast Track Subcommittee Meeting and Discussion of Recommendations.
- Environmental Aspects of Gas Hydrates including Barkley Canyon Hydrate Cruise.
- Report on India Expedition and Other International Cooperation.
- Discussion of Draft Methane Hydrate Five-Year Plan.

Thursday, November 9:

- Discussion of Recommendations, Methane Hydrate Five-Year Plan, and 2007 Report to Congress.
- Planning for the Future and Topics for April 2007 Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Subcommittee Meetings.
- Wrap-up and Discussion of Action Items.
- Adjourn.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Edith Allison at the address or telephone number listed above. You must make

your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the 10 minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 14, 2006.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

September 13, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC06-160-000.

Applicants: Duquesne Light Holdings, Inc.; Duquesne Light Company; Duquesne Power, LLC; Duquesne, Keystone LLC; Duquesne Conemaugh, LLC; Monmouth energy, Inc., DQE Holdings, LLC; DQE Merger Sub, Inc.; DUET Investment Holding; GIF2-MFIT United Pty. Limited; Industry Funds Management (Nominees) Limited, as trustee of the IFM (International Infrastructure) Wholesale Trust; CLH Holdings, GP.

Description: Duquesne Light Holdings, Inc. et al. submits an application requesting authorization for merger of Merger Sub with and into DL Holdings, which will result in the Duquesne Companies becoming wholly-owned subsidiaries of Holdings.

Filed Date: 09/06/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0387.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER05-1418-002.

Applicants: Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC.

Description: Reliant Energy Wholesale Generation, LLC submits its refund report pursuant to FERC's 7/20/06 order.

Filed Date: 08/30/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0376.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 20, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER05-1508-002.

Applicants: Interstate Power and Light Company.

Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. submits an amendment to its 6/21/06 compliance filing.

Filed Date: 09/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0167.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-451-009; ER06-1467-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: Southwest Power Pool, Inc. submits an errata to its 9/1/06 filing of proposed revisions to its OAT Tariff relating to its real-time energy imbalance service market etc.

Filed Date: 09/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0166.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 22, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-785-002.

Applicants: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Midwest ISO Transmission Owners.

Description: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. and Midwest ISO submit revisions to the Midwest ISO Agreement pursuant to Commission's 8/11/06 order.

Filed Date: 09/08/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0378.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, September 29, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-1476-000.

Applicants: Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Description: Pacific Gas and Electric Company submits its Generator Special Facilities Agreement and a Generator Interconnection Agreement with The County of Sonoma.

Filed Date: 09/07/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0447.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-1482-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Southern California Edison Co submits an amended Interconnection Facilities Agreement with Oasis Power Partners, Service Agreement 25, FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 6.

Filed Date: 09/11/2006.

Accession Number: 20060912-0375.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, October 02, 2006.

Docket Numbers: ER06-1485-000.