Panel's Designated Federal Officer will have a "Sign Up Roster" available at the Panel meeting, for registration on a firstcome, first-serve basis. Those wishing to address the Panel will be given no more than 5 minutes to present their comments, and at the end of the 1 hour time period, no further public comments will be accepted. Anyone who signs up to address the Panel but is unable to do so due to the time limitation may submit their comments in writing; however, they must understand that their written comments may not be reviewed prior to the Panel's deliberation. Accordingly, the Panel recommends that individuals and interested groups consider submitting written statements instead of addressing the Panel.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; **Comment Request**

AGENCY: Department of Education. **SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 22, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oira submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395-6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response "Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., "Upward Bound Evaluation"]. Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

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 IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, 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.

Dated: November 17, 2008.

Angela C. Arrington,

IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Communications and Outreach

Type of Review: Extension. Title: Application: No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Program. Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 413. Burden Hours: 16,420.

Abstract: The purpose of the NCLB-Blue Ribbon Schools Program is to recognize and present as models elementary and secondary schools in the United States with high numbers of students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improved student performance to high levels on state or nationally-normed assessments and to recognize schools whose students achieve in the top 10 percent on state or nationally-normed assessments.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from http:// edicsweb.ed.gov, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3810. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-345]

Application To Export Electric Energy: **New Brunswick Power Generation** Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice of application.

SUMMARY: New Brunswick Power Generation Corporation (NB Power) has applied for 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 December 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of **Electricity Delivery and Energy** Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-8008).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Russell (Program Office), 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney), 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On October 17, 2008, DOE received an application from NB Power for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. NB Power, a Canadian corporation, is a generation, transmission, and distribution company in New Brunswick Province, Canada. NB Power proposes to export surplus

electric energy purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S. and export the energy on its own behalf to Canada. NB Power has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. NB Power does not own or control any electric generation, transmission, or distribution assets, nor does it have a franchised service area. The electric energy which NB Power proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

NB Power will arrange for the delivery of exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, and Vermont Electric Transmission Co.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by NB Power has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

NB Power has recently been granted market-based rate authority by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and is scheduled to become a member of ISO New England on December 1, 2008. Accordingly, NB Power has requested expedited consideration of its export application in order that it may participate in the ISO New England market as soon as its membership in ISO New England becomes effective. In response to NB Power's request, DOE has shortened the public comment period to 15 days.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment, or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the NB Power application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with

Docket No. EA–345. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Bonnie A. Suchman, Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits_pending.htm, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov.

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Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. [FR Doc. E8–27590 Filed 11–19–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[IC09-598-000, FERC-598]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

November 14, 2008.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, DOE. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments on the information collection are due by January 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: An example of this information collection may be obtained from the Commission's Web site (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filings/elibrary.asp) under the "EG" or "FC" docket prefix heading. Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format. Those parties filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For a paper filing an original and 14 copies of such comments should be submitted to the

Secretary of the Commission, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, and both the electronic and paper filings should refer to Docket No. IC09–598–000.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with the Commission's submission guidelines. Complete filing instructions and acceptable filing formats are available at http:// www.ferc.gov/help/submissionguide.asp. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at http:// www.ferc.gov, choose the Documents & Filings tab, click on E-Filing (http:// www:ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp), and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ eregistration.asp). The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgement to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments.

All comments may be viewed, printed or downloaded remotely via the Internet through the Commission's homepage using the eLibrary link. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support (e-mail ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov or call toll free at (866) 208–3676 or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. In addition, users interested in tracking the docket activity, may do so through eSubscription (http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Miller, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426. He may be reached by telephone at (202) 502–8415, by fax at (202) 273–0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collected under the requirements of FERC–598 "Self Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status" (OMB Control No. 1902–0166) is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subchapter F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).1

EPAct 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935) in its entirety, including section 32, which provided for the Commission to exempt wholesale generators from PUHCA 1935 on a caseby-case basis, upon application.

¹Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109–58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005) (codified at 42 U.S.C. 16451, et seq.).