

Dated: March 17, 2000.

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*Leader, Information Management
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Office Of Student Financial Assistance Programs.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Student Assistance General Provisions—Subpart K—Cash Management.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Individuals or households.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 6,576. Burden Hours: 1,214,241.

Abstract: These regulations comprise the existing provisions of the Student Assistance General Provisions guidance regarding cash management.

Information collection under these regulations relates to cash management requirements and practices for institutions participating in the Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) programs.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@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 EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.069]

Office of Student Financial Assistance; Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for receipt of State applications for fiscal year 2000.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education (Secretary) gives notice of the closing date for receipt of State applications for fiscal year 2000 funds under the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) programs. The LEAP Program, through matching formula grants to States, provides grant aid to students with substantial financial need to help them pay for their postsecondary education costs.

The SLEAP Program, through matching formula grants to States: (1) Provides aid to students with financial need to help them pay for their postsecondary education costs; or (2) helps the State to carry out service programs to strengthen the opportunities for elementary and secondary students with financial need to enter postsecondary education. Both the LEAP and SLEAP programs support Goals 2000, the President's strategy for moving the Nation toward the National Education Goals, by enhancing opportunities for postsecondary education. The National Education Goals call for increasing the rate at which students graduate from high school and pursue high quality postsecondary education.

Under section 415C(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), a State must submit an application to participate in the LEAP and SLEAP programs through the State agency that administered its LEAP Program as of July 1, 1985, unless the Governor of the State has subsequently designated, and the Secretary has approved, a different State agency to administer the LEAP Program.

The Secretary is authorized to accept applications from the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

Authority for the LEAP and SLEAP programs is contained in sections 415A through 415F of the HEA.

Closing Date for Transmittal of Applications: Applications for fiscal year 2000 LEAP and SLEAP funds must be mailed or hand-delivered by May 15, 2000.

Application Forms: The Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs mails the required application forms for receiving LEAP and SLEAP funds to officials of the appropriate State agency in each State or territory at least 30 days before the closing date.

Applications Delivered by Mail: An application sent by mail must be addressed to: Mr. Greg Gerrans,

Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, 7th and D Streets, S.W., ROB-3, Room 4616, Washington, DC 20202.

The Secretary accepts the following proof of mailing

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark;

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service;

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier; or (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary of Education.

If an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark; or

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

The Department of Education encourages applicants to use certified or at least first-class mail.

A late applicant cannot be assured that its application will be considered for fiscal year 2000 funding.

Applications Delivered By Hand: Applications that are hand-delivered must be taken to Mr. Greg Gerrans, Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, 7th and D Streets, S.W., ROB-3, Room 4616, Washington, DC. Hand-delivered applications will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays.

Applications that are hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on the closing date and cannot be assured of consideration.

Program Information: Section 415C(a) of the HEA requires that an annual application be submitted for a State or territory to receive LEAP and SLEAP funds. In preparing the application, each State agency should be guided by the table of allotments provided in the application package. State allotments are determined according to the statutorily mandated formula under section 415B of the HEA and are not negotiable. A State may also request its share of allotment, in addition to its basic allotment, which is contingent upon the availability of such additional funds.

In fiscal year 1999, 47 States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory (Palau), and the Virgin Islands received funds under the LEAP Program.

Applicable Regulations: The following regulations are applicable to the LEAP Program:

(1) The LEAP Program regulations in 34 CFR part 692.

(2) The Student Assistance General Provisions in 34 CFR part 668.

And the following regulations are applicable to both the LEAP and SLEAP programs:

(3) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR part 75.60 through 75.62 (Ineligibility of Certain Individuals to Receive Assistance), part 76 (State-Administered Programs), part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations), part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities), part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying), part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)), part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses) and parts 97, 98, and 99 (Protection of Human Subjects).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Mr. Greg Gerrans, Program Specialist, Financial Partners, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs, 7th and D Streets, S.W., ROB-3, Room 4616, Washington, DC 20202; telephone (202) 401-2280. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8393.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070c *et seq.*)

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Greg Woods,

Chief Operating Officer/Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-176-A]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Sempra Energy Trading Corp.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Sempra Energy Trading Corp. (SET) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (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:

Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 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 March 25, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy issued Order No. EA-176 authorizing SET to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by San Diego Gas & Electric Company. That two-year authorization will expire on March 25, 2000.

On February 28, 2000, SET filed an application with FE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-176. SET has requested that the authorization be issued for a five-year term and that the international transmission facilities of the El Paso

Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and the Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico, be added to the list of authorized export points.

Procedural Matters

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding 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 FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on SET's request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-176-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael A. Goldstein, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Sempra Energy Trading Corp., 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, CT 06902.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to that for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA-176. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-176 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity" and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 15, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory