On February 20, 2009, another vendor in the selection process filed a grievance with the SLA contesting the Complainant's award of the USPS facility contract. On the same date, the SLA notified Complainant that the implementation of her vending contract at the USPS facility was being suspended pending the outcome of the other vendor's grievance.

On May 14, 2009, the SLA held a state fair hearing for the vendor contesting Complainant's award of the USPS facility. On June 4, 2009, the hearing officer ruled that the January 28, 2009 interview process, in which Complainant participated, was not impartial or objective. Thus, the hearing officer ordered that the January 28, 2009 interview process be invalidated and that another interview process be held.

On June 9, 2009, Complainant filed a grievance with the SLA of the hearing officer's decision in the other vendor's state fair hearing. Complainant participated in the new interview process on July 2, 2009. However, she was not awarded the USPS facility contract.

On July 22, 2009, Complainant filed a grievance with the SLA challenging the SLA's decision to award the contract for the USPS facility to the other vendor after the conclusion of the new interview process. On July 24, 2009, the SLA filed a motion with the hearing officer to dismiss Complainant's grievance. On July 27, 2009, Complainant filed a written objection to the SLA's motion.

On August 12, 2009, a state fair hearing was held on the award of the contract to another vendor. The hearing officer directed both the Complainant and the SLA to submit briefs regarding the SLA's Motion to Dismiss. On September 23, 2009, the hearing officer issued a Memorandum recommending that the SLA's motion be granted, ruling that the Complainant did not have the right to appeal a decision to award a contract to another vendor. However, the hearing officer noted that Complainant had the right to challenge the SLA's decision to terminate her contract at the USPS facility in a separate process under the SLA's administrative rules.

On September 25, 2009, the SLA director issued a decision as final agency action adopting the hearing officer's recommendation and dismissed Complainant's grievance on the grounds that she sought to appeal a non-appealable issue—namely, the final decision in the grievance of another vendor in violation of the SLA's administrative rules. Complainant sought review by a federal arbitration panel of the SLA's final decision. On July 21, 2010, a federal arbitration panel heard this complaint. According to the arbitration panel, the central issue was whether the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitative Services wrongfully dismissed the attempt by the Complainant to appeal a decision rendered in another blind vendor's state fair hearing.

Arbitration Panel Decision

After hearing testimony and reviewing all of the evidence, the panel ruled to uphold the state fair hearing officer's decision to summarily dismiss the Complainant's appeal of another vendor's state fair hearing decision. Specifically, the panel relied on the Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) Title 89; Social Services, Chapter IV, Department of Human Services, Subchapter a: General Program Provisions, Part 510, Appeals and Hearings Sections 510.20 and 510.l30 which states that a vendor cannot appeal another vendor's decision.

However, the panel noted that the IAC does allow Complainant to file her own grievance in opposition to the other vendor being awarded the USPS facility contract. The panel further denied Complainant's request for costs and attorneys' fees concluding that these expenses were incurred by the Complainant when she pursued the wrong course of action instead of filing her own grievance regarding the decision to award the other vendor the contract for the USPS facility.

The views and opinions expressed by the panel do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Department.

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Alexa Posny,

Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice—Computer Matching between the U.S. Department of Education and the Social Security Administration.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Public Law 100–503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protections Amendments of 1990, Pub. L. 101–508, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on the conduct of computer matching programs, notice is hereby given of the renewal of the computer matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (ED) (recipient agency), and the Social Security Administration (SSA) (source agency). This renewal of the computer matching program between SSA and ED will become effective as explained in this notice.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, OMB Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100–503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1989 (54 FR 25818), and OMB Circular No. A–130, Transmittal Memorandum #4, Management of Federal Information Resources (November 28, 2000) we provide the following information:

1. Names of Participating Agencies

The U.S. Department of Education and the Social Security Administration.

2. Purpose of the Match

The purpose of this matching program between ED and SSA is to assist the Secretary of Education with verification of immigration status and Social Security numbers (SSNs) under 20 U.S.C. 1091(g) and (p). SSA will verify the issuance of an SSN to, and will confirm the citizenship status, as recorded in SSA's records, of those students and parents applying for aid under a student financial assistance program authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). Verification of this information by SSA will help ED satisfy its obligation to ensure that individuals applying for financial assistance meet eligibility requirements imposed by the HEA.

Verification by this computer matching program effectuates the purpose of the HEA because it provides an efficient and comprehensive method

of verifying the accuracy of each individual's SSN and claim to a citizenship status that permits that individual to qualify for Title IV, HEA assistance.

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED is authorized to participate in the matching program under sections 484(p) (20 U.S.C. 1091(p)); 484(g) (20 U.S.C. 1091(g)); 483(a)(12) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(12)); and 428B(f)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1078–2(f)(2)) of the HEA.

SSA is authorized to participate in the matching program under section 1106(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306(a)) and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that section (20 CFR part 401).

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match

The Federal Student Aid Application File (18–11–01), which contains the information to determine an applicant's eligibility for Federal student financial assistance, and the ED personal information number (PIN) Registration System of Records (18–11–12), which contains the applicant's information to receive an ED PIN, will be matched against SSA's Master Files of Social Security Number Holders and SSN Applications System, SSA/OS, 60–0058, which maintains records about each individual who has applied for and obtained an SSN.

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

This matching program must be approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency. The computer matching agreement will become effective on the last of the following dates: (1) April 10, 2011; (2) 40 days after the approved agreement and report on the matching program are sent to Congress and OMB (or later if OMB objects to some or all of the agreement) unless OMB waives 10 days of this 40-day period for compelling reasons shown, in which case 30 days after transmission of the report to Congress and OMB; or (3) 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program, or to obtain additional information about the program, including a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and SSA, should contact Leroy Everett, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20202–5454. *Telephone:* (202) 377–3265. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

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Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA–290–B]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Ontario Power Generation

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted to DOE and received on or before April 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov,* or by facsimile to 202–586–8008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) 202–586–5260.

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 June 23, 2004 the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA–290, which authorized OPG to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a two-year term using existing international transmission facilities. DOE renewed the OPG export authorization on June 21, 2006 in Order No. EA–290–A. Order No. EA–290–A will expire on June 21, 2011. On January 10, 2011, OPG filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA–290–A for a five-year term.

The electric energy that OPG proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by OPG have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

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 and must be received on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the OPG application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 290–B. Additional copies (one each) are to be filed directly with Andrew Barret, VP, Regulatory Affairs and Corporate Strategy, Ontario Power Generation Inc.,