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.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Application for Ability to Benefit Testing Approval.

Frequency: Annually.

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

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 150,090.

Burden Hours: 77,040.

Abstract: The Secretary will publish a list of approved tests which can be used by postsecondary educational institutions to establish the ability to benefit for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extensions: Proposed Collection Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Extensions: proposed collection comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13). The package covers the collection of information concerning annual applications from the owners of qualified renewable energy generation facilities for the consideration of renewable energy production incentive payments. This information is used by the Department to determine if the applicant's facility qualifies for these payments and to determine the amount of net electricity produced for sale that qualifies for these payments. This information is critical to ensure that the Government has sufficient information to ensure the proper use of public funds for these incentive payments.

DATES: Comments regarding the information collection package should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer at the following address no later than June 22, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the OMB Desk officer of your intention to do so as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395–3084. (Also, please notify the DOE contact listed in this notice.)

ADDRESSES: Address comments to DOE Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert H. Brewer, Office of Utility Technologies (EE–10), Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–2206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The package contains the following information: (1) Title of the information collection package; (2) current OMB control number; (3) type of respondents; (4) estimated number of responses; (5) estimated total burden hours, including record keeping hours, required to provide the information; (6) purpose; and (7) number of collections.

Package Title: Renewable Energy Production Incentives.

Current OMB No.: 1910–0068.

Type of Respondents: State, municipal, county, and non-profit electric cooperative owners of qualified renewable energy generation facilities that produce electricity for sale.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 205

Purpose: To receive annual payment consideration for electricity produced in the prior fiscal year, an annual application has to be submitted by the owner/agent of the owner that provides information which establishes the qualification of the facility (ownership qualifications, type of renewable energy source used, time of first use for new or converted facilities, sale of electricity produced, and location in a State) and information on the metered/calculated amount of electricity produced. An owner of a qualified facility can submit an annual application for each of the first ten fiscal years of that facility's operation.

Statutory Authority: Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. No 104–13, 44 U.S.C. 3507 (g) and (h).

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Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Program Special Projects Financial Assistance

AGENCY: The Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice for second round funding for 1998 State Energy Program special projects.

SUMMARY: As options offered under the State Energy Program (SEP) for fiscal year 1998, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is announcing the availability of financial assistance to States for special project activities for Remote Applications of Solar and Renewable Energy to Reduce or Avoid Diesel and Gasoline Power Generation. Funding is being provided by the Office of Utility Technologies in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. States that are awarded funding for special projects will carry out their projects in conjunction with their efforts under SEP, with the special projects funding and activities tracked separately so that the end-use sector programs may follow the progress of their projects.

The projects must meet the relevant requirements of the program providing the funding, as well as of SEP, as specified in the program guidance/solicitation. Among the goals of the special projects activities are to assist States to: accelerate deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; facilitate the acceptance of emerging and underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and increase the responsiveness of Federally funded technology development efforts to private sector needs.

DATES: The program guidance/solicitation is available on May 22, 1998. Applications must be received by July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Faith Lambert at the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–2319, for referral to the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Funding for this category of SEP Special Projects was offered in the original 1998 Special Projects notice published in the **Federal Register** dated December 4, 1997 (62 FR 64211). Applications received in response to that notice did not cover the total amount of funding available, so DOE is offering States another opportunity to apply for this category of Special Projects.

Availability of Fiscal Year 1998 Funds

With this publication, DOE is announcing the availability of at least $1,200,000 in financial assistance funds for fiscal year 1998. The awards will be made though a competitive process. The end-use sector program that is participating in this SEP special projects offering for fiscal year 1998, is:

- Utility Technologies: Projects to promote remote applications of solar and renewable energy to reduce or avoid diesel and gasoline power generation.

Restricted Eligibility

Eligible applicants for purposes of funding under this program are limited to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, specifically, the State energy or other agency responsible for administering the State Energy Program pursuant to 10 CFR part 420. For convenience, the term State in this notice refers to all eligible State applicants.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to the State Energy Program is 81.041.

Requirements for cost sharing contributions will be addressed in the program guidance/solicitation for the special project activity, as appropriate. Cost sharing beyond any required percentage is desirable.

Any application must be signed by an authorized State official, in accordance with the program guidance/solicitation.

Evaluation Review and Criteria

A first tier review for completeness will occur at the appropriate DOE Regional Support Office. Applications found to be complete will undergo a merit review process by panels comprised of members representing the participating end-use sector program in DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. A decision as to the applications selected for funding will then be made by the Director, Office of State and Community Programs, or designee, based on the findings of the technical merit review and any stated program policy factors. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this notice.

More detailed information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy Headquarters at (202) 586–2319.

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Dan W. Reicher,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98–2498–000]

Cobisa-Person Limited Partnership; Notice of Filing

May 18, 1998.

Take notice that on April 22, 1998, the Public Service Company of New Mexico tendered for filing a Certificate of Concurrence the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before May 27, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL98–10–001]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Filing

May 18, 1998.

Take notice that on April 20, 1998, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), tendered for filing the following unilateral contracts between itself and the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART): (1) A Service Agreement for Network Integration Transmission Service, and (2) a Network Operating Agreement.

PG&E is filing these Agreements in compliance with the Commission's March 20, 1998, Order Requiring Utility to Provide Network Transmission Service in Docket No. EL98–10–000. This Order required PG&E to file, within thirty days of the March 20, 1998, Order a network transmission service agreement for BART.

Copies of this filing have been served upon the California Public Utilities Commission, BART, the California Independent System Operator and other intervenors to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before May 29, 1998. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on the file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

David P. Boergers,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER98–1224–001]

Southern California Edison Company; Notice of Filing

May 18, 1998.

Take notice that on April 28, 1998, Southern California Edison Company tendered for filing executed copies of the Radial Line Agreements for the Coolwater Generating Station and Mandalay Generating Station in the above-referenced docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211