DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements: Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review; Airport Access Control Pilot Program (AACPP); Satisfaction and Effectiveness Measurement Data Collection Instruments

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that TSA has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance of an extension of the currently approved collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a Federal Register notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on October 14, 2004, 69 FR 61036.

DATES: Send your comments by March 24, 2005. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: DHS–TSA Desk Officer, at (202) 395–5806.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Title: Airport Access Control Pilot Program (AACPP); Satisfaction and Effectiveness Measurement Data Collection Instruments.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 1652–0020.

Form(s): Enrollment and Satisfaction Surveys.

Affected Public: Select group of volunteer airport users at 22 airports in the United States.

Abstract: The currently approved satisfaction and effectiveness data collection instruments will continue to gather user information about user attitudes, experiences, and acceptance of the use of biometrics and other evolving technologies in controlling access to various restricted areas of airports.

Number of Respondents: 2620.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 780 hours annually.

Estimated Annual Cost Burden: $0.00.

TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Lisa Dean,
Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Proposed Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for a 5-year incidental take permit for one covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The application addresses the potential for “take” of the endangered Karner blue butterfly (Lycaeides melissa samuelis) associated with reconductoring a 4.07-mile segment of electric power transmission line within this right-of-way segment running from east-central Muskegon County into the southwest corner of Newaygo County, Michigan. A conservation program to mitigate for the project activities would be implemented as described in the proposed Cobb to Brickyard Reconductoring Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (proposed Plan), which would be implemented by the Applicant. We are requesting comments on the permit application and on the preliminary determination that the proposed Plan qualifies as a “Low-Effect” Habitat Conservation Plan, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

DATES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111–4056, and must be received on or before March 24, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713–5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Individuals wishing copies of the application and proposed Plan should contact the Service by telephone at (612) 713–5343 or by letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office (see DATES). Copies of the proposed Plan also are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office (see DATES) or at the Service’s Regional Web site at: http://midwest.fws.gov/NEPA.

Background

Section 9 of the Act and its implementing Federal regulations prohibit the take of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. The definition of take under the Act includes the following activities: to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under section 10(a) of the Act, the Service may issue permits to authorize incidental take of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for endangered species are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22.

The Applicant is seeking a permit for take of the Karner blue butterfly during the life of the permit. The project encompasses reconductoring a 4.07-mile