

order to meet its statutory requirements under HAVA Section 15371(b), the EAC has developed the EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. The procedural requirements of the program are established in the proposed information collection, the EAC *Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program Manual*. Although participation in the program is voluntary, adherence to the program's procedural requirements is mandatory for participants. The procedural requirements of this Manual will supersede any prior laboratory accreditation requirements issued by the EAC. This manual shall be read in conjunction with the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* (OMB 3265-0004).

Affected Public: Voting system test laboratories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8.

Total Annual Responses: 8.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 200 hours.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Request for Substantive Comments; EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program Manual

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice; request for substantive comments.

SUMMARY: The EAC has drafted a procedural manual for its Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. This manual establishes the administrative procedures for obtaining an EAC accreditation for Voting System Test Laboratories (VSTL). Section 231(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15371(b)) requires that the EAC provide for the accreditation and revocation of accreditation of independent, non-federal laboratories qualified to test voting systems to Federal standards. In order to meet its statutory requirements under HAVA 15371(b), the EAC has developed the EAC's Voting System Test Laboratory Accreditation Program. Although participation in the program is voluntary, adherence to the program's procedural requirements is mandatory for participants. The procedural requirements of this Manual will supersede any prior laboratory accreditation requirements issued by the

EAC. This manual shall be read in conjunction with the EAC's *Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual* (OMB 3265-0004). The purpose of this notice is to request public comment on the substantive aspects of the program.

Substantive Comments: The EAC seeks substantive comments from the public on its proposed procedural manual. Please submit comments consistent with the information below. Comments should identify and cite the section of the manual at issue. Where a substantive issue is raised, please propose a recommended change or alternative policy. All comments submitted will be published at the end of the comment period on the EAC's Web site <http://www.eac.gov>. This publication and request for comment is not required under the rulemaking, adjudicative, or licensing provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). It is a voluntary effort by the EAC to gather input from the public on the EAC's administrative procedures for accrediting Voting System Test Laboratories. Furthermore, this request by the EAC for public comment is not intended to make any of the APA's rulemaking provisions applicable to development of this or future EAC procedural programs. However, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, a separate notice will be published on the **Federal Register** to request comments regarding the burden of responding to the information collection activities of the proposed manual; please refer to the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov>, for further information about the submission of comments regarding burden.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on this draft procedural manual on or before 5 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments via e-mail to testlaboratoryaccreditation@eac.gov; via mail to Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to 202-566-1392. An electronic copy of the proposed guidance may be found on the EAC's Web site <http://www.eac.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Chestnut Ridge Storage L.P.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Junction Natural Gas Storage Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

January 28, 2008.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Junction Natural Gas Storage Project involving construction and operation of natural gas storage and pipeline header facilities by Chestnut Ridge Storage L.P. (Chestnut Ridge) in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and Preston and Monongalia Counties, West Virginia. The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help determine which issues need to be evaluated in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on February 29, 2008. Details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

This notice is being sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this proposed project and to encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing