

hereby given of the computer matching program between the Department of Education (ED) (the recipient agency), and the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) (the source agency).

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and OMB Circular A-130, the following information is provided:

1. *Names of Participating Agencies.*

The U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, USCIS.

2. *Purpose of the Match.*

The matching program entitled "Verification Division USCIS/ED" will permit ED to confirm the immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), as authorized by section 484(g) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(g)). The Title IV programs include: the Federal Pell Grant Program; the Academic Competitiveness Grant Program; the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant Program; the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Program; the Federal Perkins Loan Program; the Federal Work-Study Program; the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program; the Federal Family Education Loan Program; the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program; the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program; and the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.

3. *Authority for Conducting the Matching Program.*

The information contained in the USCIS data base is referred to as the Verification Information System (VIS), and is authorized under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Public Law 99-603. ED seeks access to the VIS database for the purpose of confirming the immigration status of applicants for assistance, as authorized by section 484(g) of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. 1091(g), and consistent with the Title IV student eligibility requirements of section 484(a)(5) of the HEA, 20 U.S.C. 1091(a)(5). USCIS is authorized to participate in this immigration status verification under section 103 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1103.

4. *Categories of Records and Individuals Covered.*

The records to be used in the match and the roles of the matching participants are described as follows: Through the use of user identification

codes and passwords, authorized persons from ED will transmit electronically data from its Privacy Act system of records entitled, "Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)" to USCIS. The data will include the alien registration number, the first and last name, date of birth, current social security number and gender of the alien applicant for, or recipient of, Title IV assistance. This action will initiate a search for corresponding data elements in a USCIS Privacy Act system of records entitled "Verification Information System Records Notice (DHS-2007-0010)." Where there is a match of records, the system will add the following data to the record and return the file to ED: the primary or secondary verification number, the date of entry into the U.S., the country of birth, and the USCIS status code of the alien applicant or recipient, and a code indicating that the alien applicant or recipient was confirmed to be an eligible non-citizen or that this determination could not be made. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(p), ED will not suspend, terminate, reduce, or make a final denial of any Title IV assistance to such individual, or take other adverse action against such individual, as a result of information produced by such a match, until (1)(a) ED has independently verified the information; or (b) the Data Integrity Board of ED determines in accordance with guidance issued by the Director of the OMB that (i) the information is limited to identification and amount of benefits paid by ED under a Federal benefit program; and (ii) there is a high degree of confidence that the information provided to ED is accurate; (2) the individual receives a notice from ED containing a statement of its findings and informing the individual of the opportunity to contest such findings by submitting documentation demonstrating a satisfactory immigration status within 30 days of receipt of the notice; and (3) 30 days from the date of the individual's receipt of such notice has expired.

5. *Effective Dates of the Matching Program.*

The matching program will become effective 40 days after a copy of the computer matching agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency, is transmitted to Congress and OMB, unless the requested ten day waiver is approved by OMB or unless OMB objects to some or all of the agreement, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. 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.*

Mr. Leroy Everett, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002-5345. 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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William J. Taggart,
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the proposed three-year extension to the Form EIA-846, "Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey."

DATES: Comments must be filed by May 14, 2010. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Tom Lorenz. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-9753) or e-mail (Thomas.Lorenz@eia.doe.gov) is recommended. The mailing address is Office of Energy Markets and End Use, Energy Consumption Division, EI-63, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Mr. Lorenz may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-3442.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions for the Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS) should be directed to Tom Lorenz at the address listed above. To view the form online please go to: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mecs/mecs2006/forms2006.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and (42 U.S.C. 7135(i)) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands and to promote sound policymaking, efficient markets, and public understanding of energy and its interaction with the economy and the environment.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Also, the EIA will later seek approval for this collection by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS) is a self-administered sample survey designed to collect energy consumption and expenditures data from establishments

in the manufacturing sector; *i.e.*, North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 31-33. Previous MECS required multiple collection forms depending on an establishment's primary business activity classification under NAICS. The increased use of technology by means of an Internet data collection system however, has allowed the MECS to eliminate the need to have multiple forms.

The 2010 MECS will collect information during 2011 for business activities in calendar year 2010. For the 2010 MECS, as in the past, EIA proposes to collect the following data from each MECS establishment: (1) For each energy source consumed—consumption (total, fuel and nonfuel uses) and the expenditures for each energy source, energy storage (as applicable), energy produced onsite, and shipments (as applicable); (2) energy end uses; (3) fuel-switching capabilities (4) general energy-saving technologies; (5) energy management activities; and (6) square footage, and number of buildings in the establishment.

The MECS has been conducted seven times previously, covering the years 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006. In all seven survey years, the MECS has collected baseline data on manufacturers' energy consumption and expenditures. The MECS collected data on fuel-switching capabilities in all years except 1998. In the 1991, 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006 surveys, the MECS also collected data on end-uses, energy management activities, building square footage, and energy-saving technologies.

The MECS information is the basis for data and analytic products that can be found at <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mecs>. Also on this Web site are past publications, articles, and a special analytic series, "Industry Analysis Briefs." The 2010 MECS will also be used to benchmark EIA's industry forecasting model and update changes in the energy intensity and greenhouse gases data series.

The proposed 2010 MECS uses experience gained from the administration and processing of the seven previous surveys and past consultations with respondents, trade association representatives, and data users to improve the survey.

Please refer to the proposed forms and instructions for more information about the purpose, who must report, when to report, where to submit, the elements to be reported, detailed instructions, provisions for confidentiality, and uses of the information. For instructions on obtaining materials, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

II. Current Actions

EIA is requesting a three-year extension of approval to its Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey with no changes from the previous survey.

III. Request for Comments

Prospective respondents and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. The following guidelines are provided to assist in the preparation of comments.

As a Potential Respondent to the Request for Information

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information to be collected?

C. Are the instructions and definitions clear and sufficient? If not, which instructions need clarification?

D. Can the information be submitted by the respondent by the due date?

E. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average eight hours per response for Form EIA-846. The estimated burden includes the total time necessary to provide the requested information. In your opinion, how accurate is this estimate?

F. The agency estimates that the only cost to a respondent is for the time it will take to complete the collection. Will a respondent incur any start-up costs for reporting, or any recurring annual costs for operation, maintenance, and purchase of services associated with the information collection?

G. What additional actions could be taken to minimize the burden of this collection of information? Such actions may involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

H. Does any other Federal, State, or local agency collect similar information? If so, specify the agency, the data element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User of the Information To Be Collected

A. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency and does the information have practical utility?

B. What actions could be taken to help ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information disseminated?

C. Is the information useful at the levels of detail to be collected?

D. For what purpose(s) would the information be used? Be specific.

E. Are there alternate sources for the information and are they useful? If so, what are their weaknesses and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the form. They also will become a matter of public record.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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Renee H. Miller,

Director, Forms Clearance and Information Quality Division, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP10-74-000]

Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC; Notice of Application

March 5, 2010.

Take notice that on March 3, 2010, Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC (Sea Robin), PO Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210-4967, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting authorization to abandon by removal Sea Robin's East Cameron Block 265 Valve Platform and to abandon in place 12.44 miles of its 20-inch Line 710, 1.35 miles of its 16-inch Line 710-1, and related facilities, all located offshore Louisiana, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Stephen T. Veatch, Regulatory Affairs, Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC, 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas

77056, at (713) 989-2024, or at Stephen.Veatch@sug.com.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call

(866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: March 15, 2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13615-000]

Sweetwater Hydro, LLC and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

March 8, 2010.

On November 4, 2009, Sweetwater Hydro, LLC and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Sweetwater Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project, in San Juan County, New Mexico. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following new facilities: (1) An upper earth embankment dam with a height of 100 feet and 9,168 feet in length; (2) an associated upper reservoir with a surface area of 141 acres, and a storage capacity of 11,018 acre feet, with a normal maximum surface elevation of 6,780 feet mean sea level (msl); (3) a lower earth embankment dam with a height of 153 feet and 3,606 feet in length; (4) an associated lower reservoir with a surface area of 423 acres, and a storage capacity of 15,319 acre feet, with a normal maximum surface elevation of 5,690 msl; (5) a 25-foot-diameter steel-lined and concrete penstock or other conduit with a length of 6,480 feet; (6) a powerhouse containing 3 units with a proposed generating capacity of 900 megawatts; and (7) a 14 mile-long 230 kilovolt transmission line from the powerhouse to an existing substation, near Shiprock, New Mexico.

Applicant Contact: Brent L. Smith, COO, Symbiotics, LLC, P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442; phone (208) 745-0834.