

likely to result in long-term impacts such as permanent abandonment of the Pier 39 haul-out or a permanent reduction in presence in San Francisco Bay. We do not believe that the waterfront activities described here will impact the resurgent presence of harbor porpoise in San Francisco Bay. Apart from the race events occurring in the open waters of the Central Bay, the waterfront activities do not represent a significant departure from typical levels of urban and industrial activity in San Francisco. No impacts are expected at the population or stock level.

Based on the foregoing analysis, behavioral disturbance to marine mammals in the Bay will be of low intensity and limited duration. To ensure minimal disturbance, the applicants will implement the mitigation measures described previously, which we have determined will serve as the means for effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the relevant marine mammal stocks or populations and their habitat. We find that the specified activities will result in the incidental take of small numbers of marine mammals, and that the requested number of takes will have no more than a negligible impact on the affected species and stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

There are no ESA-listed marine mammals expected to occur in the action area; therefore, no consultation under the ESA is required.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as implemented by the regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, we have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the direct, indirect and cumulative effects to the human environment resulting from issuance of an IHA to ACEA and the Port for the specified activities. We subsequently reached a Finding of No Significant Impact, which was signed on July 27, 2012. Those documents are available for review at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, we have issued an IHA to the Port and ACEA to conduct the described activities in San Francisco Bay for a period of one year, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: July 31, 2012.

Helen M. Golde,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Change of Names Given for the Performance Review Board for the Department of the Air Force.

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given to replace a member of the 2012 Performance Review Board for the Department of the Air Force.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 6, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c) (1–5), the Department of the Air Force (AF) announced the appointment of members to the AF's Senior Executive Service Pay Pool and Performance Review Board for 2012. The authorizing official approved the notice update on July 19, 2012 (77 FR 19265–19266), to replace a member of the Air Force 2012 Performance Review Board, Lt. Gen. Davis, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisitions with Lt Gen Basla, Chief, Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct any written comments or requests for information to Ms. Erin Moore, Deputy Director, Senior Executive Management, AF/DPS, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330–1040 (PH: 703–695–7677; or via email at erin.moore@pentagon.af.mil.)

Bao-Anh Trinh,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development; Strategies for Preparing At-Risk Youth for Postsecondary Success

SUMMARY: Strategies for Preparing At-Risk Youth for Postsecondary Success focuses on preventing students from dropping out and preparing them for postsecondary education or training.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 10, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the “Browse Pending Collections” link and by clicking on link number 04858. When you access the information collection, click on “Download Attachments” to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202–4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202–401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Strategies for Preparing At-Risk Youth for Postsecondary Success.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Review: New.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 132.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 116.

Abstract: Educators are increasingly concerned about poor high school graduation rates, especially among at-risk youth. Many of the programs adopted by districts and schools to decrease the dropout rate traditionally set the goal of completing high school. Programs that meet the dual goals of supporting at-risk youth to graduate from high school and then enroll in and succeed in postsecondary education are not commonly found in most school districts and few studies of dropout prevention programs have a postsecondary focus. This study aims to fill a gap by conducting qualitative case studies of up to 15 sites with a focus on preventing students from dropping out and preparing them for postsecondary education or training. This study will systematically analyze qualitative data across multiple respondents to generate portraits of programs and strategies that the sites use, lessons based on implementation successes and challenges, and evidence suggesting their effectiveness in improving the outcomes of interest.

To complete the study, the U.S. Department of Education is requesting OMB approval of two related qualitative data collection activities: (1) A phone screen with local program managers to determine the final sample of case studies and (2) up to 15 site visits to a purposive case study sample. Although the lessons are not generalizable to a larger population because the sample is purposive and small, the case studies will provide rich contextual information to help practitioners assess the applicability of the lessons in their own schools or districts.

Dated: August 3, 2012.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2823-018]

Algonquin Power Company; Notice of Application Accepted for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Amendment of License to Accelerate License Expiration Date.

b. *Project No:* 2823-018.

c. *Date Filed:* June 8, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Algonquin Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Lower Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The proposed project is located on the Beaver River in Lewis County, New York.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Armando Sanchez, PE, Senior Project Manager, Algonquin Power Company, 2845 Bristol Circle, Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6H 7H7, 905-465-4555, *Armando.sanchez@algonquinpower.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jake Tung, (202) 502-8757, or email at *hong.tung@ferc.gov*.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protest:* September 6, 2012.

Comments, motions to intervene, and protests may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "eFiling" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC. 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings, please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee proposes to amend the license for the Lower Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project (P-2823) to accelerate the expiration date of the license which expires September 30, 2019. The licensee requests the Commission to issue an order accelerating the expiration date of the license to December 31, 2017. The reasons for the request follow: (1) The licensee also operates the Upper Beaver Falls

Hydroelectric Project (P-2593), which is located immediately upstream from the Lower Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project; (2) the current license for the Upper Beaver Falls Hydroelectric Project expires December 31, 2017, and the licensee will file a subsequent license application no later than December 31, 2015; and (3) the licensee would like to combine the relicensing activities since the two projects are small in size, approximate in location, and only approximately two years apart in license expiration date, which would result in substantial savings to the licensee and more effective consultation with resources agencies and other stakeholders. The project Lower Beaver Falls project works consist of: (1) A 4-acre reservoir formed by a 400-foot long concrete gravity dam with a maximum height of 14 feet, and a head pond elevation of 769.3 feet under normal operating conditions; (2) a powerhouse containing two 500-kW hydroelectric units; (3) a 2,400-volt transmission line 250 feet long; and (4) appurtenant facilities.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also 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. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must