

1091(g)). The title IV programs include: The Federal Pell Grant Program, the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) 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 William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, and the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs.

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The information contained in the USCIS database is referred to as the Verification Information System (VIS), which is authorized under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Public Law 99-603. ED seeks access to VIS 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: 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, HEA program 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, 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, HEA program 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 be effective on the latest of the following three dates: (A) October 18, 2012; (B) 30 days from the date ED publishes a Computer Matching Notice in the **Federal Register** as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12); or, (C) 40 days from the date that ED transmits the report of the matching program, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), to OMB, the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, unless OMB waives 10 days of the 40 day review period for compelling reasons, in which case 30 days from the date of ED's transmittal of the matching program report.

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

Individuals wishing to comment on this matching program or obtain additional information about the program, including requesting a copy of the computer matching agreement between ED and DHS, may contact Mrs. Franka Dennis, 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) 377-4067. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

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Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a; Public Law 100-503.

Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to James F. Manning, Chief of Staff to perform the functions and duties of the Chief Operating Officer.

Dated: September 11, 2012.

James F. Manning,

Chief of Staff, Federal Student Aid delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of the Chief Operating Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a reinstatement for a three-year approval of the Commercial Buildings Energy

Consumption Survey (CBECS), Forms EIA871A through J, OMB Control Number 1905–0145. The proposed collection will collect baseline data on energy consumption and expenditures in commercial buildings and on the energy-related characteristics of those buildings. To obtain this information, interviews are conducted for a sample of commercial buildings representing the 50 States and the District of Columbia. For buildings in the survey, data are collected on the types, amount and cost of energy consumed in the building, how the energy is used, structural characteristics of the buildings, activities conducted inside the buildings that relate to energy use, building ownership and occupancy, energy conservation measures, and energy-using equipment. For those buildings that cannot provide energy consumption data for the building, the data will be obtained in a follow-up survey from the suppliers of electricity, natural gas, fuel oil and/or district heat to the building, after receiving permission from the building owner, manager or tenant.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before October 15, 2012. 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, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202–395–4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Joelle Michaels, CBECS Survey Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, EI–22, 1000 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20585, Email: joelle.michaels@eia.gov, Phone: (202) 586–8952.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Joelle Michaels at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No.: 1905–0145; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* EIA–871A–J, “Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey”; (3) *Type of Request:* Reinstatement with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has discontinued; (4) *Purpose:* The EIA–871A–J is used to collect data on energy consumption by

commercial buildings and the characteristics of these buildings. The surveys fulfill planning, analyses and decision-making needs of DOE, other Federal agencies, State governments, and the private sector. Respondents are owners/managers of selected commercial buildings and their energy suppliers. Response obligations are Voluntary (building owners) and Mandatory (energy suppliers); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,142; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 5,142; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 3,978; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* 0.

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

Issued in Washington, DC on September 10, 2012.

Stephanie Brown,

Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13160–004]

Red River Hydro LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions

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

- a. *Type of Application:* Major License.
- b. *Project No.:* 13160–004.
- c. *Date filed:* May 24, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* Red River Hydro LLC (Red River), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Symbiotics LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Overton Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The project would be located on the Red River in Rapides Parish, Louisiana at an existing lock and dam owned and operated by the U.S. Corps of Engineers (Corps). The project would occupy 38.7 acres of federal lands managed by the Corps.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brent L. Smith, Chief Operating Officer, Symbiotics LLC 371 Upper Terrace, Suite 2, Bend, OR 97702; Telephone (541) 330–8779.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lesley Kordella, (202) 502–6406 or Lesley.Kordella@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, (202) 502–8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission’s Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted for filing and is ready for environmental analysis.

l. The proposed project would be located at an existing lock and dam owned and operated by the Corps-Vicksburg District. The existing lock and dam are part of the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway, which was authorized by Congress in 1968 to stabilize river banks, straighten river bends, and maintain a 9-foot-deep, 200-foot-wide channel for boat traffic. The waterway consists of five locks and dams and a number of cutoffs to shorten the river.