

Western would reserve the right to adjust, at its discretion and sole determination, the contract rate of delivery on 5 years advance written notice in response to changes in hydrology and river operations.

*Comment:* It was noted Western's proposed withdrawal provision fairly reflects the variety of forces that could impact Western's administration of LAP and would provide Western with the tools to address any substantial changes in hydrology and river operations.

*Response:* Western appreciates the customers' support of flexibility for Western to adjust contract rates of delivery in response to changes in hydrology and river operations.

3. Proposed Marketing Area: Western would continue the current LAP marketing area which is the portion of Colorado east of the Continental Divide; Mountain Parks Electric, Inc.'s service territory in Colorado west of the Continental Divide; the portion of Kansas located in the Missouri River Basin; the portion of Kansas west of the eastern borders of the counties intersected by the 100th Meridian; the portion of Nebraska west of the 101st Meridian; and Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.

*Comment:* Customers supported continuing the current LAP marketing area and commented that since LAP is a finite and defined resource, expansion of the marketing area is impracticable.

*Response:* Western appreciates the customers' support of the proposed LAP marketing area.

4. Proposed Mt. Elbert Pumped-Storage: Western would extend the current Mt. Elbert Pumped-Storage contract provisions, which provide for pumped-storage energy.

*Comment:* Western received no comments on the proposed Mt. Elbert Pumped-Storage.

#### Final 2025 PMI

Western will extend the current marketing plan with amendments to the Contract Term and Resource Pool principles. The marketing plan principles that are amended as well as the marketing plan principles that are extended are as follows:

#### Amended Marketing Plan Principles

1. Contract Term: Western extends its commitment of the LAP resource for a 30-year period beginning October 1, 2024, and continuing through September 30, 2054.

2. Resource Pools: The 2025 PMI provides resource pools of up to 1 percent of the marketable resource under contract at the time for eligible new preference entities. Reallocations

will occur beginning October 1, 2024, and again every 10 years thereafter (October 1, 2034, and October 1, 2044).

#### Extended Marketing Plan Principles

Extension of the current marketing plan includes all provisions and principles not specifically addressed in the preceding section entitled "Amended Marketing Plan Principles." The following key principles of the current LAP marketing plan were discussed with FES customers during the proposed 2025 PMI informal customer input phase and the formal public information forums and are included below for reference purposes.

1. Marketable Resource: The contractually committed contract rate of delivery and associated energy in effect on September 30, 2024, will be extended subject to up to 1 percent reduction for each of the resource pools taking effect on October 1, 2024, October 1, 2034, and October 1, 2044.

2. Hydrology and River Operations Withdrawal Provision: Western reserves the right to adjust, at its discretion and sole determination, the contract rate of delivery on 5 years advance written notice in response to changes in hydrology and river operations.

3. Marketing Area: The LAP marketing area will be the portion of Colorado east of the Continental Divide; Mountain Parks Electric, Inc.'s service territory in Colorado west of the Continental Divide; the portion of Kansas located in the Missouri River Basin; the portion of Kansas west of the eastern borders of the counties intersected by the 100th Meridian; the portion of Nebraska west of the 101st Meridian; and Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.

4. Mt. Elbert Pumped-Storage: The full 200 MW of Mt. Elbert capacity is included in the LAP capacity allocations. Only flow-through generation is included in LAP energy allocations, and customers may schedule capacity without energy. Off-peak energy must be returned to Western commensurate with any on-peak energy taken.

#### 2025 PMI Procedures Requirements

##### Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4347 (2007)); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined this action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

#### Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

Dated: December 20, 2013.

**Mark A. Gabriel,**  
Administrator.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s). Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and further ways to reduce the information burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid Control Number.

**DATES:** Written Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments should be submitted on or before February 28, 2014. 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, you should advise the FCC contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your PRA comments to Leslie F. Smith, Federal Communications Commission (FCC), via the Internet at [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov). To submit your PRA comments by email, send them to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, contact Leslie F. Smith at (202) 418-0217, or via the Internet at [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0971.

*Title:* Section 52.15, Request for "For Cause" Audits and State Commission's Access to Numbering Resource Application Information.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit and state, local or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 2,105 respondents; 63,005 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.166 hours to 3 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 153, 154, 201-205, 207-209, 218, 225-227, 251-252, 271 and 332.

*Total Annual Burden:* 10,473 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* No cost.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Carrier numbering resource applications and audits of carrier compliance will be treated as confidential and will be exempt from public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

*Needs and Uses:* There are two Paperwork Reduction Act related obligations under this OMB Control Number:

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Pooling Administrator, or a state commission may draft a request to the auditor stating the reason for the request, such as misleading or inaccurate data, and attach supporting documentation; and

2. Requests for copies of carriers' applications for numbering resources may be made directly to carriers.

The information collected will be used by the FCC, state commissions, the NANPA and the Pooling Administrator to verify the validity and accuracy of

such data and to assist state commissions in carrying out their numbering responsibilities, such as area code relief.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-0972.

*Title:* Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan Order, Parts 54 and 69 Filing Requirements for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) and Interexchange Carriers (IXCs).

*Form Number(s):* FCC Forms 507, 508 and 509.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents and*

*Responses:* 1,258 respondents; 10,849 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 0.166 hours to 3 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion, annual, quarterly, one time and every three years reporting requirements, and third party disclosure requirement.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 1-4, 10, 154(i), 154(j), 201-205, 254, and 403.

*Total Annual Burden:* 46,885 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* \$48,900.

*Privacy Act Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* The Commission does not require that respondents submit confidential information to the Commission. If the Commission does request applicants to submit information that the respondents believe is confidential, respondents may do so under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

*Needs and Uses:* There are 14 Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) related information collection requirements under this OMB Control Number.

Following the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Commission adopted interstate access charge and universal service support reforms. The reforms were designed to establish a "pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework" for the United States telecommunications industry, and to carry out the universal service policies embodied in the 1996 Act. Specifically, the Commission aligned the interstate access rate structure more closely with the manner in which costs are incurred, and created a universal service support mechanism for rate-of-return carriers (Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS)) to replace implicit support in interstate access charges with explicit support that is portable to all eligible

telecommunications carriers. The Commission's actions were also tailored to the needs of small and mid-sized local telephone companies serving rural and high-cost areas, and help to provide certainty and stability for rate-of-return carriers, encourage investment in rural America, and provide important consumer benefits. To administer the ICLS mechanism, the Administrator must collect certain data. Specifically, the Administrator must collect from each rate-of-return carrier projected cost and revenue data for the July 1-June 30 funding year to accurately distribute prospective ICLS to those carriers. Line count data is reported on FCC Form 507. Projected cost data, including cost and revenue data is filed on FCC Form 508. And, the actual data, including cost and revenue data is reported on FCC Form 509.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Gloria J. Miles,**

*Federal Register Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.*

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