

*site is not available.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Michelle Meier, (202) 245-7890.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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:* Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education.

*OMB Control Number:* 1830-0027.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 5,700.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:*

*Abstract:* Title II of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA—Pub. L. 105-220), entitled the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), creates a partnership among the Federal government, States, and localities to provide, on a voluntary basis, adult

education and literacy services. Section 212 of Title II requires that a comprehensive performance accountability system be established to assess the effectiveness of eligible agencies in achieving continuous improvement of adult education and literacy activities in order to optimize the return on the Federal investment. The accountability system must include the following measures of performance. These measures are referred to in AEFLA as “core indicators are: Demonstrated improvements in adult learners’ literacy skill levels; placement in, retention in, or completion of postsecondary education, training, unsubsidized employment or career advancement; and receipt of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent. States submit 10 required tables, 6 optional tables, 4 financial reports, 1 narrative report, and 1 data quality checklist.

Dated: April 14, 2014.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Charter Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB or Board) will be renewed for a two-year period beginning April 11, 2014.

The Board provides the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with information, advice, and recommendations concerning issues affecting the EM program at various sites. These site-specific issues include clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk

assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities.

Additionally, the renewal of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board has been determined to be essential to conduct the Department of Energy's business and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy, by law and agreement. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act.

Further information regarding this Advisory Board may be obtained from Mr. David Borak, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586-9928.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 11, 2014.

**Amy Bodette,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Soil Water Monitoring Systems, LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant exclusive patent license.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given to an intent to grant to Soil Water Monitoring Systems, LLC of Kennewick, WA, an exclusive license to practice the inventions described in U.S. Patent No. 6,752,007 entitled “Horizontal Advanced Tensiometer”. The invention is owned by the United States of America, as represented by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**DATES:** Written comments or nonexclusive license applications are to be received at the address listed below no later than May 2, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Badagliacca, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6F-067, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone (202) 586-4792.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 35 U.S.C. 209 provides federal agencies with authority to grant exclusive licenses in

federally-owned inventions, if, among other things, the agency finds that the public will be served by the granting of the license. The statute requires that no exclusive license may be granted unless public notice of the intent to grant the license has been provided, and the agency has considered all comments received in response to that public notice, before the end of the comment period.

Soil Water Monitoring Systems, LLC of Kennewick, WA has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent No. 6,752,007 and has plans for commercialization of the inventions.

The exclusive license will be subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government, and other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to negotiate to grant the license, unless, within 15 days of this notice, the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, receives in writing any of the following, together with supporting documents:

(i) A statement from any person setting forth reason why it would not be in the best interests of the United States to grant the proposed license; or

(ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention in which applicant states that if already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously.

The Department will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will proceed with negotiating the license if, after consideration of written responses to this notice, a finding is made that the license is in the public interest.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 9, 2014.

**John T. Lucas,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Technology, Transfer and Intellectual Property.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC14-11-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-516a); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, [FERC-516A, "Small Generator Interconnection Agreements" (OMB No. 1902-2003)].

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due June 16, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC14-11-000) by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web site: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.
- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC-516A, Standardization of Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0203.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the information collection requirements for FERC-516A with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** Under Sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) <sup>1</sup> the Commission is charged with ensuring just and reasonable electric transmission rates and charges as well as ensuring that jurisdictional providers do not subject any person to any undue prejudice or disadvantage.

The lack of consistent and readily accessible terms and conditions for connecting resources to the grid led to

a large number of disputes between jurisdictional transmission providers and small generators <sup>2</sup> in the late 1990s and early 2000s. In response, the Commission directed transmission providers to include Commission-approved, standard, pro-forma interconnection procedures (small generator interconnection procedures or SGIP) and a single uniformly applicable interconnection agreement (small generator interconnection agreement or SGIA) in their open-access transmission tariffs (OATTs). The requirement to create and file these documents was instituted August 2005 by Commission Order No. 2006 <sup>3</sup> and is codified in 18 CFR 35.28(f). This requirement set and maintained a standard in OATTs for consistent consideration and processing of interconnection requests by transmission providers.

Since the issuance of Order No. 2006, many aspects of the energy industry have changed including the growth of small generator interconnection requests <sup>4</sup> and the growth in solar photovoltaic (PV) installations. These changes have been driven, in part, by state renewable energy goals and policies. For example, approximately 3,300 MW of grid-connected PV capacity were installed in the U.S. in 2012 <sup>5</sup> compared to 79 MW in 2005, the year Order No. 2006 was issued.<sup>6</sup>

In February 2012, pursuant to Sections 205 and 206 of the FPA and Rule 207 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures,<sup>7</sup> and noting that the Commission encouraged stakeholders to submit proposed revisions to the regulations set forth in Order No. 2006,<sup>8</sup> the Solar Energy

<sup>2</sup> "Small generators" are generating facilities having a capacity of no more than 20 megawatts (MW).

<sup>3</sup> Standardization of Small Generation Interconnection Agreements and Procedures, Order No. 2006, 70 FR 34189 (May 12, 2005), FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,180 (2005).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., *Cal. Indep. Sys. Operator Corp.*, 133 FERC ¶ 61,223, at P 3 (2010) (stating that an increasing volume of small generator interconnection Requests had created inefficiencies); *Pacific Gas & Elec. Co.*, 135 FERC ¶ 61,094, at P 4 (2011) (stating that increased small generator interconnection Requests resulted in a backlog of 170 requests over three years); *PJM Interconnection, LLC*, 139 FERC ¶ 61,079, at P 12 (2012) (stating that smaller projects comprised 66 percent of recent queue volume).

<sup>5</sup> Sherwood, Larry, U.S. Solar Market Trends 2012 at 4, available at <http://www.irecusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Solar-Report-Final-July-2013-1.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Solar Market Insight Report, 2012 Year in Review, Executive Summary Table 2.1, available at <http://www.seia.org/research-resources/us-solar-market-insight-2012-year-in-review>.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 385.207 (2012).

<sup>8</sup> SEIA Petition at 4 (citing Order No. 2006, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,180 at P 118).

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824d and 824e.