

**B. Solicitation of Public Comment**

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: September 17, 2014.

**Colette Pollard,**

*Department Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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**Draft Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Olmsted Hydroelectric Power Plant Replacement Project**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, as joint leads, are evaluating the impacts of a proposed replacement of the Olmsted Hydroelectric Power Plant, and have prepared an associated Draft Environmental Assessment for public review.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment by October 22, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment to Mr. Chris Elison, 355 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84058-7303; by

email to [chrise@cuwcd.com](mailto:chrise@cuwcd.com); or by facsimile to 801-226-7150.

Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment are available for inspection at:

- Central Utah Water Conservancy District, 355 West University Parkway, Orem, Utah 84058-7303
- Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606

In addition, the document is available at [www.cuwcd.com](http://www.cuwcd.com), [www.cupcao.gov](http://www.cupcao.gov), or [www.cuwcd.com/olmsted/index.html](http://www.cuwcd.com/olmsted/index.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. W. Russ Findlay, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606; by calling 801-379-1084; or email at [wfindlay@usbr.gov](mailto:wfindlay@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior, and Central Utah Water Conservancy District are publishing this notice pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Draft Environmental Assessment presents analysis of the anticipated environmental effects of a proposed replacement of the Olmsted Hydroelectric Power Plant. The Proposed Action in the Draft Environmental Assessment includes: Constructing a new powerhouse, replacing the penstocks, modifying existing operations to utilize the 10 million gallon Olmsted Flow Equalization Reservoir, marketing the power generated, constructing operation and maintenance facilities, and improving access to the site.

We are requesting public comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: August 26, 2014.

**Reed R. Murray,**

*Program Director, Central Utah Project Completion Act, Department of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

[Docket ID BSEE-2014-0005; OMB Control Number 1014-0015; 14XE1700DX EEEE500000 EX1SF0000.DAQ000]

**Information Collection Activities: Unitization; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** 30-day Notice.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), BSEE is notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) for review approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under Subpart M, *Unitization*. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the revised paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

**DATES:** You must submit comments by October 22, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by either fax (202) 395-5806 or email ([OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov)) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1014-0015). Please provide a copy of your comments to BSEE by any of the means below.

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter BSEE-2014-0005 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- Email [nicole.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nicole.mason@bsee.gov), fax (703) 787-1546, or mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Nicole Mason; 381 Elden Street, HE3313; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference ICR 1014-0015 in your comment and include your name and return address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Mason, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1605, to request additional information about this ICR. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (select Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart M, *Unitization*.

OMB Control Number: 1014-0015.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Section 1334(a) specifies that the Secretary “provide for the prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the [O]uter Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein” and include provisions for “unitization, pooling, and drilling agreements.”

In addition to the general rulemaking authority of the OCS Lands Act at 43 U.S.C. 1334, section 301(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1751(a), grants authority to the Secretary to prescribe such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out FOGRMA’s provisions. While the majority of FOGRMA is directed to royalty collection and enforcement, some provisions apply to offshore operations. For example, section 108 of FOGRMA, 30 U.S.C. 1718, grants the Secretary broad authority to inspect lease sites for the purpose of determining whether there is compliance with the mineral leasing laws. Section 109(c)(2) and (d)(1), 30 U.S.C. 1719(c)(2) and (d)(1), impose substantial civil penalties for failure to permit lawful inspections and for knowing or willful preparation or

submission of false, inaccurate, or misleading reports, records, or other information. Because the Secretary has delegated some of the authority under FOGRMA to BSEE, 30 U.S.C. 1751 is included as additional authority for these requirements.

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act (31 U.S.C. 9701), the Omnibus Appropriations Bill (Pub. L. 104-133, 110 Stat. 1321, April 26, 1996), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-25, authorize Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that confer special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior’s (DOI’s) implementing policy, BSEE is required to charge fees for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those which accrue to the public at large. Voluntary or revised unitization requests are required in Subpart M and are subject to cost recovery; BSEE regulations specify service fees for these requests.

These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to BSEE. The regulations at 30 CFR 250, Subpart M, concern the regulatory requirements relating to unitization on the OCS and are the subject of this collection.

Responses are voluntary, mandatory, and are required to obtain or retain benefits. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked. The BSEE protects information considered proprietary

under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and DOI’s regulations (43 CFR 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR part 250.197, *Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection*, 30 CFR part 252, *OCS Oil and Gas Information Program*.

The BSEE must approve any lessee’s proposal to enter an agreement to unitize operations under two or more leases and for modifications when warranted. We use the information to ensure that operations under the proposed unit agreement will result in preventing waste, conserving natural resources, and protecting correlative rights including the government’s interests.

**Frequency:** Generally on occasion.

**Description of Respondents:** Potential respondents comprise Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulphur lessees and/or operators, and holders of pipeline rights-of-way.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:** The estimated annual hour burden for this information collection is a total of 5,772 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

**BURDEN BREAKDOWN**

Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart M	Recordkeeping and reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number annual responses	Annual burden hours
Non-hour cost burdens *				
<b>Requests</b>				
1301 .....	Description of requirements .....	Burden included in the following sections		0
1301(d), (f)(3), (g)(1), (g)(2)(ii).	Request suspension of production or operations.	Burden covered under Subpart A [1014-0022]		0
1302(b) .....	Request preliminary determination on competitive reservoir.	116 .....	1 request .....	116
1304(b) .....	Request compulsory unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, obtain approval of Regional Supervisor if required, and supporting data; serving non-consenting lessees with documents.	234 .....	1 request .....	234
1304(d) .....	Request hearing on required unitization .....	1 .....	1 request .....	1
Subtotal			3 responses .....	351
<b>Submittals</b>				
1302(b) .....	Submit concurrence or objection on competitiveness with supporting evidence.	47 .....	1 request .....	47

## BURDEN BREAKDOWN—Continued

Citation 30 CFR 250 Subpart M	Recordkeeping and reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average number annual responses	Annual burden hours
1302(c), (d) .....	Submit joint plan of operations, supplemental plans, or a separate plan if agreement cannot be reached.	68 .....	1 plan .....	68
1303; 1304 .....	* Submit revisions or modifications to unit agreement, unit operating agreement, plan of operation, change of unit operator, etc.	15 .....	41 revs/mods .....	615
		\$896 fees × 41 revisions/modifications = \$36,736.		
1303; 1304 .....	* Submit initial, and revisions to, participating area.	76 .....	9 submissions .....	684
1304(d) .....	Submit statement at hearing on compulsory unitization.	5 .....	1 statement .....	5
1304(e) .....	Pay for and submit three copies of verbatim transcript of hearing.	1 .....	1 submission .....	1
		Court reporter and 3 transcript copies for 1 hearing = \$500.		
Subtotal			54 responses .....	1,420
			\$37,236 non-hour cost burdens.	
<b>General</b>				
1303 .....	Apply for voluntary unitization, including submitting unit agreement, unit operating agreement, initial plan of operation, obtain approval of Regional Supervisor if required, and supporting data; request for variance from model agreement and other related requirements.	500 .....	8 apps/plans .....	4,000
		\$12,619 fee × 8 applications/plans = \$100,952.		
1304(f) .....	Appeal final order of compulsory unitization ..	Exempt as defined in 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c)		0
1300–1304 .....	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in subpart M regulations.	1 .....	1 requests .....	1
Subtotal			9 responses .....	4,001
			\$100,952 non-hour cost burdens.	
Total Burden			66 Responses .....	5,772
			\$138,188 Non-Hour Cost Burdens.	

\* These requirements are specified in each Unit Agreement.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:* We have identified three non-hour cost burdens associated with this information collection. Section 250.1303 requires respondents to pay filing fees when (1) applying for a voluntary unitization proposal or unit expansion (\$12,619), as well as a (2) unitization revision (\$896). The filing fees are required to recover the Federal Government's processing costs. Section 250.1304(d) provides an opportunity for parties notified of compulsory unitization to request a hearing; therefore § 250.1304(e) requires the party seeking the compulsory unitization to (3) pay for the court

reporter and three copies of the verbatim transcript of the hearing (approximately \$500).

It should be noted there have been no such hearings in the recent past, and none are expected in the near future. We have not identified any other non-hour cost burdens associated with this collection of information. We estimate a total reporting non-hour cost burden of \$138,188. Refer to the chart in Section A.12 of this supporting statement for the specific breakdown.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control

number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “. . . to provide notice . . . and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information . . .” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the

respondents, including the use of technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on May 19, 2014, we published a **Federal Register** notice (79 FR 28758) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 250.199 provides the OMB Control Number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 250, Subpart M regulations. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We received no comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice.

**Public Availability of Comments:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Cheryl Blundon, 703-787-1607.

Dated: September 4, 2014.

**Robert W. Middleton,**

*Deputy Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2011-0099; FF09E40000 145 FXES1115090000]

RIN 1018-AY29

#### Policy Regarding Voluntary Prelisting Conservation Actions

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of draft policy; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 22, 2014, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced a draft policy on crediting voluntary conservation actions taken for species prior to their listing under the Endangered Species Act. The proposed policy seeks to give landowners, government agencies, and others incentives to carry out voluntary conservation actions for nonlisted species by allowing the benefits to the

species from a voluntary conservation action undertaken prior to listing under the Act to be used—either by the person who undertook such action or by a third party—to mitigate or to serve as a compensatory measure for the detrimental effects of another action undertaken after listing. This draft policy, if adopted, would help us further our efforts to protect native species and conserve the ecosystems on which they depend.

We announce the extension of the comment period for our July 22, 2014, proposed policy to ensure the public has sufficient time to comment on the proposed policy.

**DATES:** We will accept comments from all interested parties until November 6, 2014. Please note that if you are using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES** below), the deadline for submitting an electronic comment is 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box enter the Docket number for the proposed policy, which is FWS-R9-ES-2011-0099. You may enter a comment by clicking on “Comment Now!”. Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comment.

- **U.S. mail or hand delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R9-ES-2011-0099; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS: PDM, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see Public Comments below for more information).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Serfis, Chief, Branch of Communications and Candidate Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: ES, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, telephone 703/358-2171.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On July 22, 2014 (79 FR 42525), we published a draft policy on crediting voluntary conservation actions taken for species prior to their listing under the Endangered Species Act and requested comments, information, and suggestions from the public. See that document for specific questions we asked and for more detailed information.

We have received a request for an extension of the comment period from the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies so that State fish and wildlife agencies could have adequate time to submit comments in response to the proposal. To accommodate this request, we extend the comment period for an additional 45 days.

#### Public Comments

If you previously submitted comments or information on the proposed policy, please do not resubmit them. We have incorporated them into the public record, and we will fully consider them in our final policy. Our final policy will take into consideration all written comments and any additional information we receive.

We intend that a final policy will consider information and recommendations from all interested parties. We, therefore, solicit comments, information, and recommendations from governmental agencies, Indian Tribes, the scientific community, industry groups, environmental interest groups, and any other interested parties. All comments and materials received by the date listed above in **DATES** will be considered prior to the approval of a final document.

If you submit information via <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire submission—including any personal identifying information—will be posted on the Web site. If your submission is made via a hardcopy that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy submissions on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 16, 2014.

**Stephen Guertin,**

*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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