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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension of Public Scoping Period and Additional Public Scoping Meetings in Lopez Island and Port Townsend, Washington, for the Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) is extending the public scoping period for the Revised Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington and announcing two additional public scoping meetings. The public scoping period will be extended an additional 45-days to January 9, 2015 and two additional public scoping meetings have been scheduled, one in Lopez Island, Washington and the other in Port Townsend, Washington.

Dates and Addresses: Two open house information sessions will be held between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on:

1. Wednesday, December 3, 2014, Lopez Island Center for Community and Arts, 204 Village Road, Lopez Island, Washington 98261.

2. Thursday, December 4, 2014, Fort Worden Commons, Building 210, 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, Washington 98368.

Each of the open house information sessions will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by DoN representatives.

The DoN invites comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS from all interested parties, including Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, American Indian Tribes and Nations, and interested persons. Comments on the scope of the EIS may be provided via the U.S. Postal Service

or the EIS Web site at: www.whidbeyeis.com. All comments provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings, through the project Web site or by mail during the scoping period will receive the same consideration during EIS preparation. All comments must be postmarked no later than January 9, 2015.

The DoN will not release the names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, or other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments during scoping unless required by law. However, the DoN may release the city, state, and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments. Each commenter making oral comments at the public scoping meetings will be asked by the stenographer if he/she otherwise elects to authorize the release of their personally identifiable information prior to providing their comments. Commenters submitting written comments, either using comment forms or via the project Web site, may elect to authorize release of personally identifiable information by checking a “release” box on the comment form.

To be included on the DoN’s mailing list for the EIS (or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, when released), electronic requests can be made on the project Web site at www.whidbeyeis.com. Requests via the U.S. Postal Service should be submitted to: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508. The same policy for release of personally identifiable information as identified above for scoping comments will be maintained by DoN for individuals requesting to be included on the EIS mailing list.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

Dated: November 7, 2014.

N. A. Hagerty-Ford,

Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 16, 2015. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact Chris O’Gwin, as listed below, as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Chris O’Gwin or by fax at (301) 903-5488, or by email at chris.ogwin@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Chris O’Gwin or by fax at (301) 903-5488, or by email at chris.ogwin@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.:* 1910-5166; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Commercialization Survey; (3) *Type of Request:* New; (4) *Purpose:* The DOE needs this information to satisfy the program requirements of the Small Business Act, including requirements established in the SBIR program reauthorization legislation, Public Law 106-554 and Public Law 107-50. This data will be collected by the DOE and provided to

the Small Business Administration (SBA) to maintain information about SBIR/STTR awards issued through the two programs. This data will be provided by DOE based on information collected from SBIR/STTR awardees. This data will be used by DOE, SBA, and Congress to assess the commercial impact of these two programs; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 2,500; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 2,500; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 2,500; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$120,000.

Statutory Authority: Section 9 of the Small Business Act, as amended, codified at 15 U.S.C. 638(g).

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 10, 2014.

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SBIR/STTR Programs Director, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC15-1-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-598, FERC-716); Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of information collections and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 USC 3506(c)(2)(A), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the requirements and burden¹ of the information collections described below.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due January 16, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC15-1-000) by either of the following methods:

- eFiling at Commission's Web site: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>

¹ The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Please reference the specific collection number and/or title in your comments.

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, 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, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the information collection requirements for all collections described below with no changes to the current reporting requirements. Please note that each collection is distinct from the next.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collections of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FERC-598, Self-Certification for Entities Seeking Exempt Wholesale Generator Status or Foreign Utility Company Status

OMB Control No.: 1902-0166.

Abstract: The Commission uses the data in the FERC-598 information collection to implement the statutory provisions of Title XII, subchapter F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).²

² Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, 119 Stat. 594 (2005)

EPAct 2005 repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA 1935) in its entirety, and adopted in its place the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 (PUHCA 2005). This change enabled the Commission to exempt from the requirements of PUHCA 2005 the holding companies that hold responsibility over wholesale generators from PUHCA 2005 on a case-by-case basis. The Commission amended its regulations (in Order No. 667³) to add procedures for self-certification by entities seeking exempt wholesale generator (EWG) and Foreign Utility Company (FUCO) status. This self-certification is similar to the process available to entities that seek qualifying facility status.

An EWG is a "person engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates . . . and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale."⁴ A FUCO is a company that "owns or operates facilities that are not located in any state and that are used for the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, if such company: (1) Derives no part of its income, directly or indirectly, from the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy for sale or the distribution at retail of natural or manufactured gas for heat, light, or power, within the United States; and (2) neither the company nor any of its subsidiary companies is a public-utility company operating in the United States."

An EWG, FUCO, or its representative seeking to self-certify its status must file with the Commission a notice of self-certification demonstrating that it satisfies the definition of EWG or FUCO. In the case of EWGs, the person filing a notice of self-certification must also file a copy of the notice of self-certification with the state regulatory authority of the state in which the facility is located and that person must also represent to the Commission in its submission that it has filed a copy of the notice with the appropriate state regulatory authority.⁵

³ *Repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and Enactment of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005*, 70 FR 75592 (2005), order on rehearing, Order 667-A, 71 FR 28446 (2006), order on rehearing, Order 667-B, 71 FR 42750 (2006), order on rehearing, Order 667-C, 118 FERC 61133 (2007).

⁴ 18 CFR 366.1.

⁵ 18 CFR 366.7.