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Michael K. Yudin,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Engineered High Energy Crop Programs Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Southeastern United States

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) announces the availability of the Engineered High Energy Crop (EHEC) Programs Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (or Draft PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0481). DOE also announces one in-person public hearing to be held in Washington, DC, and two Web-based public hearings, to receive comments on the Draft PEIS. The Draft PEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with DOE's Proposed Action to implement one or more programs to catalyze the development and demonstration of crops specifically engineered for increased energy production. A main component of the proposed programs would be providing financial assistance to conduct field trials to test the effectiveness of EHECs in the Southeastern United States, specifically in Alabama, Florida (excluding the Everglades/Southern Florida coastal plain ecoregion), Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

DATES: Comments on the Draft PEIS Notice of Availability (NOA) will be accepted until March 17, 2015. During the public comment period, DOE will host one in-person public hearing and two Web-based public hearings to receive comments on the Draft PEIS. Comments submitted during this public comment period will be considered in

preparation of a Final PEIS and used by DOE in its decision-making process for the Proposed Action. DOE will consider late comments to the extent practicable. DOE will conduct public hearings:

- February 17, 2015, from 5:00–7:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol, 550 C Street Southwest, Washington, DC 20024.
- February 24, 2015, from 2:00–4:00 p.m., Web-based.
- February 26, 2015, from 2:00–4:00 p.m., Web-based.

Information on how to register for the Web-based public hearings will be available on the DOE EHEC PEIS project Web site (See **ADDRESSES** section).

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft PEIS may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *EHEC Web site:* <http://engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com>
- *Email:* comments@engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com
- *Mail:* Dr. Jonathan Burbaum, Program Director, ARPA-E, U.S. Department of Energy, ATTN: EHEC PEIS, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop-950-8043, Washington, DC 20585. Note: Comments submitted by U.S. Postal Service may be delayed by mail screening.

This NOA, the EPA NOA, and the Draft PEIS will be posted on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://energy.gov/nepa>. These documents, and additional materials relating to this Draft PEIS, will also be available on the EHEC PEIS project Web site at: <http://engineeredhighenergycropsPEIS.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the PEIS, contact Dr. Jonathan Burbaum, Program Director, by one of the methods described in the **ADDRESSES** section, or by telephone at (202) 287-5453. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, or telephone at (202) 586-4600, voicemail at (800) 472-2756, or email at askNEPA@hq.doe.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EHEC PEIS (DOE/EIS-0481) is being prepared in accordance with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requirements, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021).

The Draft PEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and alternatives to develop and implement one or more programs to catalyze the research, development, and demonstration of EHECs in the Southeastern United States. EHECs are agriculturally-viable photosynthetic species containing genetic material that has been intentionally introduced through biotechnology, interspecific hybridization, or other engineering processes (excluding processes that occur in nature without human intervention), specifically engineered to increase the amount of energy produced per acre (*e.g.*, improving the photosynthetic process), without increasing the amount of biomass. These approaches are referred to in this PEIS as approaches "independent of increasing the amount of biomass." A main component of the proposed EHEC Programs would be DOE or other Federal or state agencies providing financial assistance for confined field trials to evaluate the performance of EHECs that could facilitate the commercial development and deployment of biofuels. The field trials would demonstrate the EHEC's biological and economic viability and further DOE ARPA-E's mission. Confined field trials may range in size and could include development scale (up to 5 acres), pilot scale (up to 250 acres), or demonstration scale (up to 15,000 acres). The Draft PEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of these scaled alternatives, which reflect the range of reasonable alternatives.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 12th day of January, 2015.

Jonathan Burbaum,

Program Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable, Energy 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, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, a three-year

extension to its collection of information titled: *Budget Justification*, OMB No. 1910–5162. The proposed collection will establish application consistency for numerous Grant and Cooperative Agreement application packages from potential and chosen recipients. This effort will also streamline processes and provide applicants with a clear and straightforward tool to assist with project budgeting. In addition it will endow DOE reviewers with adequate information to determine if proposed costs are allowable, allocable, and reasonable.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before February 17, 2015. 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 can be reached at 202–395–4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to:

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:

U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway Golden, CO 80401–3111, Attn: James Cash.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be directed to James Cash at (720) 356–1456 or by email at james.cash@ee.doe.gov. The information collection instrument titled, Budget Justification, may also be viewed at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/financing/resources.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No.: 1910–5162, Budget Justification;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Budget Justification;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Renewal;
- (4) *Purpose:* This collection of information is necessary in order for DOE to identify allowable, allocable, and reasonable recipient project costs eligible for Grants and Cooperative Agreements under EERE programs;
- (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400;
- (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 400;
- (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 24 hours, per response;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$899.04 per one time response;

(9) *Authority:* 10 CFR 600.112.

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James Cash,

Contracting Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC15–2–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities: FERC–65, FERC–65A, FERC–65B, FERC–585, and FERC–921; Consolidated Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collections 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 requirements and burden¹ of the information collections described below. *Please note* that this is the first time FERC has issued a consolidated notice involving otherwise unrelated information collections.

DATES: Comments on the collections of information are due March 17, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments (identified by Docket No. IC15–2–000) 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.

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

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.

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–65 (Notice of Holding Company Status), FERC–65A (Exemption Notification of Holding Company Status), and FERC–65B (Waiver Notification of Holding Company Status)

OMB Control No.: 1902–0218.

Abstract: Pursuant to Section 366.4 of the Commission's rules and regulations, persons who meet the definition of a holding company shall provide the Commission notification of holding company status.

The FERC–65 is a one-time informational filing outlined in the Commission's regulations at 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 366.4. The FERC–65 must be submitted within 30 days of becoming a holding company².

² Persons that meet the definition of a holding company as provided by § 366.1 as of February 8, 2006 shall notify the Commission of their status as a holding company no later than June 15, 2006. Holding companies formed after February 8, 2006 shall notify the Commission of their status as a holding company, no later than the latter of June