

conference, including the questions listed in the Supplemental Notice issued in this proceeding on April 28, 2017.

In order to provide structure to the technical conference discussion, staff identified the following potential paths forward with respect to the interplay between state policy goals and the wholesale markets:

- *Path 1—Limited or No Minimum Offer Price Rule:* An approach that would either not apply the minimum offer price rule to state-supported resources, or limit application of the minimum offer price rule to only state-supported resources where federal law preempts the state action providing that support.

- *Path 2—Accommodation of State Actions:* An approach that would accommodate state policies that provide out-of-market support with the operation of the wholesale markets by allowing state-supported resources to participate in those markets and, when relevant, obtain capacity supply obligations, subject to adjustments necessary to maintain certain wholesale market prices consistent with the market results that would have been produced had those resources not been state-supported.

- *Path 3—Status Quo:* An approach that would rely on existing tariff provisions applying the minimum offer price rule to some state-supported resources, and continuing case-by-case litigation over the specific line to be drawn between categories of state actions that may, or may not, result in a state-supported resource being subject to the minimum offer price rule.

- *Path 4—Pricing State Policy Choices:* An approach in which state policies, to the extent possible, would value the attributes (e.g., resilience) or externalities (e.g., carbon emissions) that states are targeting in a manner that can be readily integrated into the wholesale markets in a resource-neutral way. For those state policies that cannot be readily valued and integrated into the wholesale markets, Path 4 would also require consideration of what, if anything, the Commission should do to address the market impacts of these state policies. For instance, other approaches for these state policies may include accommodation, application of the minimum offer price rule, or an exemption from the minimum offer price rule.

- *Path 5—Expanded Minimum Offer Price Rule:* An approach that would minimize the impact of state-supported resources on wholesale market prices by expanding the existing scope of the minimum offer price rule to apply to

both new and existing capacity resources that participate in the capacity market and receive state support.

Commenters are invited to address these paths, to describe alternative potential paths forward in the wholesale markets, or to describe individual solutions. Commenters are encouraged to discuss the following with regard to any approach: (1) Any centralized wholesale market changes (at a conceptual level) that would need to accompany implementation of a particular approach; (2) the feasibility of implementation; (3) the implications for market participants' ability to make long-term decisions; and (4) the near-term and long-term sustainability.

In addition, Commission staff is interested in comments on the following topics:

1. The principles and objectives that should guide the selection of a path forward, as well as the principles and objectives that should guide rule changes that would be required by their suggested approach.

2. The degree of urgency for reconciling wholesale markets and state policies and if that urgency necessitates both a near-term (e.g., next one to three years) approach and a different long-term approach. To the extent commenters advocate for different near-term and long-term solutions, please explain what type of transition is needed and why, and how the suggested near-term approach will facilitate achievement of the suggested long-term approach.

3. Long-term expectations regarding the relative roles of wholesale energy and capacity markets and state policies in the Eastern RTOs/ISOs in shaping the quantity and composition of resources needed to cost-effectively meet future reliability and operational needs.

4. What procedural steps the Commission should take, if any, to reconcile the competitive market framework with the increasing interest by states to support particular resources and resource attributes that might facilitate such reconciliation.

Commenters may reference material previously filed in this docket, including the technical conference transcript, but are encouraged to avoid repetition or replication of previous material. Initial and reply comments must be submitted on or before 30 days and 45 days, respectively, from the date of this notice. Initial comments should not exceed 15 pages and reply comments should not exceed 10 pages.

For further information please contact individuals identified for each topic:

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice: 2017-6002]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the United States.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review and comments request.

**SUMMARY:** The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal Agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

By neutralizing the effect of export credit support offered by foreign governments and by absorbing credit risks that the private sector will not accept, Ex-Im Bank enables U.S. exporters to compete fairly in foreign markets on the basis of price and product. Under the Working Capital Guarantee Program, Ex-Im Bank provides repayment guarantees to lenders on secured, short-term working capital loans made to qualified exporters. The guarantee may be approved for a single loan or a revolving line of credit. In the event that a borrower defaults on a transaction guaranteed by Ex-Im Bank the guaranteed lender may seek payment by the submission of a claim.

This collection of information is necessary to determine if such claim complies with the terms and conditions of the relevant working capital guarantee. The Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss, Working Capital Guarantee is used to determine compliance with the terms of the guarantee and the appropriateness of paying a claim. Export-Import Bank

customers are able to submit this form on paper or electronically.

The information collection tool can be reviewed at: <http://www.exim.gov/pub/pending/eib10-04.pdf>.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 31, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically on [WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV](http://WWW.REGULATIONS.GOV) or by mail to Mardel West, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20571

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and Form Number:* EIB 10–04

Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss,

Working Capital Guarantee.

*OMB Number:* 3048–0035.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Need and Use:* This collection of information is necessary, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(a)(1), to determine if such claim complies with the terms and conditions of the relevant guarantee.

**Affected Public**

This form affects entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 17.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 17 hours.

*Frequency of Reporting of Use:* As needed to request a claim payment.

**Government Expenses**

*Reviewing time per year:* 17 hours.

*Average Wages per Hour:* \$42.50.

*Average Cost per Year:* \$722.50. (time\* wages)

*Benefits and Overhead:* 20%.

*Total Government Cost:* \$867.

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK**

[Public Notice: 2017–6003]

**Agency Information Collection**

**Activities: Comment Request; EIB 11–01, Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery**

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review and comments request.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed clearance is designed to allow Ex-Im Bank to survey for the purpose of gaining insights into customers' experiences with the agency and to evaluate product and

performance effectiveness. Customers' responses will help to identify potential areas of service improvement and rate overall program experiences.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before July 31, 2017, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically on <http://www.regulations.gov> or by mail to Mardel West, Export-Import Bank of the United States, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20571.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* EIB 11–01, Generic Clearance for the Collection of Feedback on Electronic Interfaces with Customers.

*OMB Number:* 3048–0036.

*Type of Review:* Renew.

*Need and Use:* Improving agency programs requires ongoing assessment of service delivery, by which we mean systematic review of the operation of a program compared to a set of explicit or implicit standards, as a means of contributing to the continuous improvement of the program. The Agency will collect, analyze, and interpret information gathered through this generic clearance to identify strengths and weaknesses of current services and make improvements in service delivery based on feedback. The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery.

Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency (if released, procedures outlined in Item 16 will be followed);
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions;<sup>1</sup>
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections

<sup>1</sup> As defined in OMB and agency Information Quality Guidelines, "influential" means that "an agency can reasonably determine that dissemination of the information will have or does have a clear and substantial impact on important public policies or important private sector decisions."

will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study;

- Response to the collections is voluntary;
- The collections present low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the corresponding program or may have experience with the program in the near future; and
- With the exception of information needed to provide remuneration for participants of focus groups and cognitive laboratory studies, personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained.

If these conditions are not met, the Agency will submit an information collection request to OMB for approval through the normal PRA process.

To obtain approval for a collection that meets the conditions of this generic clearance, a standardized form will be submitted to OMB along with supporting documentation (e.g., a copy of the comment card). The submission will have automatic approval, unless OMB identifies issues within 5 business days.

The types of collections that this generic clearance covers include, but are not limited to:

- Customer comment cards/complaint forms
- Small discussion groups
- Focus Groups of customers, potential customers, delivery partners, or other stakeholders
- Cognitive laboratory studies, such as those used to refine questions or assess usability of a Web site;
- Qualitative customer satisfaction surveys (e.g., post-transaction surveys; opt-out web surveys)
- In-person observation testing (e.g., Web site or software usability tests)

The Agency has established a manager/managing entity to serve for this generic clearance and will conduct an independent review of each information collection to ensure compliance with the terms of this clearance prior to submitting each collection to OMB.