

C services available to children three years of age and older may develop an IEP, to be implemented after the child turns three, before a parent chooses Part C or Part B services for their child.

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Dated: June 1, 2017.

**Ruth E. Ryder,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Special Education Programs, delegated the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2017-ICCD-0063]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Study of Weighted Student Funding and School-Based Systems (Study Instruments)

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development (OPEPD), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 7, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0063. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the

Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* 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, Room 216-34, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Oliver Schak, 202-453-5643.

**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:** Study of Weighted Student Funding and School-Based Systems (Study Instruments).

**OMB Control Number:** 1875-NEW.

**Type of Review:** A new information collection.

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

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 738.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 212.

**Abstract:** The purpose of this study is to examine districts that have implemented weighted student funding

(WSF) systems. In doing so, the study team will investigate how these systems for funding schools have been implemented, the benefits in terms of enhanced school funding equity and improved resource allocation practices through more equitable distributions of funding to schools and increased principal autonomy, and the challenges each district may have faced in undertaking such a reform. To this end, the study team will conduct site visits to a set of nine case study districts that will involve in-person interviews with district officials and school staff involved in WSF system administration. In addition, the study team will collect and review relevant extant data (budget and audited expenditure files) and administer surveys to a nationally representative sample of principals and school district administrators.

Dated: June 1, 2017.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC17-4-000]

### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-521); Comment Request

June 1, 2017.

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) previously issued a 60-day Notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 14710, 3/22/2017) requesting public comments on FERC-521 (Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements). The Commission received no comments.

In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Commission is submitting the FERC-521 to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below.

**DATES:** Comments on FERC-521 are due by July 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0087, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: *oira\_submission@omb.gov*. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-0710.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC17-4-000, 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*, 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*, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* FERC-521, Payments for Benefits from Headwater Improvements.  
*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0087.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-521 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* The information collected under the requirements of FERC-521 is used by the Commission to implement the statutory provisions of Section 10(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).<sup>1</sup> The FPA authorizes the Commission to determine headwater benefits received by downstream hydropower project owners. Headwater benefits are the additional energy production possible at a downstream hydropower project resulting from the regulation of river flows by an upstream storage reservoir.

When the Commission completes a study of a river basin, it determines headwater benefits charges that will be apportioned among the various downstream beneficiaries. A headwater benefits charge and the cost incurred by the Commission to complete an

evaluation are paid by downstream hydropower project owners. In essence, the owners of non-federal hydropower projects that directly benefit from a headwater improvement must pay an equitable portion of the annual charges for interest, maintenance, and depreciation of the headwater project to the U.S. Treasury. The regulations provide for apportionment of these costs between the headwater project and downstream projects based on downstream energy gains and propose equitable apportionment methodology that can be applied to all river basins in which headwater improvements are built. The Commission requires owners of non-federal hydropower projects to file data for determining annual charges as outlined in 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 11.

*Type of Respondents:* There are two types of entities that respond, Federal and Non-Federal hydropower project owners. The Federal entities that typically respond are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The Non-Federal entities may consist of any Municipal or Non-Municipal hydropower project owner.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>2</sup> The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

**FERC-521—PAYMENTS FOR BENEFITS FROM HEADWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

|  | Number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Total number of responses | Average burden & cost per response | Total annual burden hours and total annual cost | Cost per respondent (\$) |
|--|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
|  | (1)                   | (2)                                       | (1) * (2) = (3)           | (4)                                | (3) * (4) = (5)                                 | (5) ÷ (1)                |
| Federal and Non-Federal hydropower project owners .. | 3                     | 1   | 3                         | 40 hrs.; \$3,060 .....             | 120 hrs.; \$9,180 .....                         | \$3,060                  |
| Total cost .....                                     | .....                 | .....                                     | .....                     | .....                              | 120 hrs.; \$9,180 .....                         | 3,060                    |

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$9,180 [120 hrs. \* \$76.50/hour<sup>3</sup> = \$9,180].

*Comments:* Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is 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 estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection;

and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

**Filings Instituting Proceedings**

*Docket Number:* PR17-44-000.  
*Applicants:* Hope Gas, Inc.  
*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b),(e)+(g); HGI—Trade Name

salary and benefits. \$76.50/hour is the average FERC employee hourly salary plus benefits for 2017.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 803.

<sup>2</sup> "Burden" is 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, refer to Title 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>3</sup> Commission staff thinks that respondents to this collection are similarly compensated in terms of