

**STATUS:** Commission Meeting—Open to the Public

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Decisional Matter: Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Plan  
**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Alberta E. Mills, Secretary, Division of the Secretariat, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7479.

Dated: October 9, 2019.

**Alberta E. Mills,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0012]

#### Voluntary State Tax Withholding From Retired Pay

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** It is the policy of the Uniformed Services to accept written requests from current and former members for voluntary State income tax withholding from monthly retired or retainer pay when the Department has an agreement for such withholding with the State named in the request. Rather than an unnecessary part in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this notice provides administrative-type information to those members and States interested in applying for or engaging in this tax withholding arrangement.

**DATES:** This action is applicable on November 14, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kellie Allison at 703-614-0410.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title 32 CFR part 78, “Voluntary State Tax Withholding from Retired Pay,” set forth DoD’s policies and procedures on the voluntary state income tax withholding from the monthly retired or retainer pay of a member or former member of the Uniformed Services. DoD published a direct final rule to remove 32 CFR part 78 elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** that will become effective 30 days from publication unless significant adverse comment is received which would result in a contrary determination. Should DoD receive a significant adverse comment, the Department will withdraw both direct final rule and this notice by publishing another notice in the **Federal**

**Register.** It was determined that part 78 was unnecessary because it restated current law, 10 U.S.C. 1045; set forth internal policy and procedures; and conveyed to the public administrative and procedural information that does not require rulemaking. Instead, this notice informs the public of pertinent administrative information concerning the request for state tax withholding in lieu of part 78.

A retiree may request voluntary State income tax withholding from their retired or retainer pay. The withholding amount requested must be in a whole dollar amount and at least \$10, or the state’s minimum, if that amount is higher.

To efficiently and accurately implement the request, it should include the member’s full name, signature, Social Security number, the fixed amount withheld monthly from retired pay, the state designated to receive the withholding, and the member’s current address. The retiree may submit the request by sending a completed DoD Form 2656, “Data for Payment of Retired Personnel” (only sections I and VII of the form need to be completed), a letter, an email, or fax to the U.S. Military Retired Pay office, or submit the request through the member’s myPay account. If using myPay, the member’s signature is not required. In the case of incompetence, the member’s guardian or trustee must sign the request.

Current guidance, including the addresses and other information for the U.S. Military Retired Pay offices can be found in the DoD Financial Management Regulation, Volume 7B, Chapter 26, “State Taxes,” that is available at [http://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/current/07b/07b\\_26.pdf](http://comptroller.defense.gov/Portals/45/documents/fmr/current/07b/07b_26.pdf) (most recently updated in July 2018).

A State requesting an agreement for the voluntary withholding of State tax from the retired pay of members of the Uniformed Services shall address a letter to the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22240. The Department of Defense shall enter into a Standard Agreement within 120 days of a request for agreement from the proper State official. This agreement shall provide that the Uniformed Services shall withhold State income tax from the monthly retired pay of any member who voluntarily requests such withholding in writing. In the Standard Agreement, States are allowed to terminate the Agreement within 45 days of any amendment, modification, supplement, or change to the procedures for withholding.

States shall indicate, in writing, agreement to follow the provisions of the DoD FMR, Volume 7B, Chapter 26. If a State proposes an agreement that varies from the Standard Agreement, the State shall indicate, in writing, to the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service which provisions of the Standard Agreement are not acceptable and propose substitute provisions.

To be effective, the letter must be signed by a State official authorized to bind the State under an agreement for tax withholding. Copies of applicable State laws that authorize employers to withhold State income tax and authorize the official to bind the State under an agreement for tax withholding shall be enclosed with the letter. The letter also shall indicate the title and address of the official whom the Uniformed Services may contact to obtain information necessary for implementing withholding.

Within 120 days of the receipt of a letter from a State, the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, or designee, will notify the State, in writing, that DoD has either entered into the Standard Agreement or that an agreement cannot be entered into with the State and the reasons for that determination.

Dated: October 3, 2019.

**Shelly E. Finke,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0096]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017-18 (MGLS:2017) Main Study First Follow-Up (MS2) Data Collection

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 14, 2019.

**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–2019–ICCD–0096. 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. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *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, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, 202–245–7377 or email [NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov](mailto:NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov).

**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:* Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017–18 (MGLS:2017) Main Study First Follow-up (MS2) Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0911.

*Type of Review:* A revision of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 81,782.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 41,105.

*Abstract:* The Middle Grades Longitudinal Study of 2017–18 (MGLS:2017) is the first study conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to follow a nationally representative sample of students as they enter and move through the middle grades (grades 6–8). The data collected through repeated measures of key constructs will provide a rich descriptive picture of the academic experiences and development of students during these critical years and will allow researchers to examine associations between contextual factors and student outcomes. The study focuses on student achievement in mathematics and literacy along with measures of student socioemotional wellbeing and other outcomes. The study includes students with disabilities for whom descriptive information on their outcomes, educational experiences, and special education services are being collected. The MGLS:2017 Main Study (MS) Base Year (MS1) data collection took place from January to August 2018. The Main Study First Follow-up (MS2) recruitment, which began in January 2019, was approved in December 2018 with the latest update approved in May 2019 (OMB# 1850–0911 v.21–23). This submission is to conduct the MS2 data collection from January through July 2020 (when most sample students will be in the eighth grade).

Dated: October 9, 2019.

**Kathy Axt,**

*PRA Coordinator, Information Collection Clearance Program, Information Management Branch, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA–264–D]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; ENMAX Energy Marketing Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** ENMAX Energy Marketing Inc. (Applicant or ENMAX) has applied to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before November 14, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to (202) 586–8008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On October 8, 2014, DOE issued Order No. EA–264–C, which authorized ENMAX to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authorization expires on October 8, 2019. On September 30, 2019, ENMAX filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA–264–C for an additional five-year term.

The application states that “ENMAX and its affiliates have no franchised service territory in the United States, nor do they own or control generation or transmission assets in the United States.” The electric energy that the Applicant proposes to export to Canada would be purchased from third parties, such as Canadian utilities, power marketers and end-use customers, pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the