non-federal entities that receive federal financial assistance in the form of a grant, cooperative agreement, or other type of financial assistance directly from the Department and not through another recipient or “pass-through” entity. This information collection does not apply to subrecipients, federal contractors (unless the contract includes the provision of financial assistance), nor the ultimate beneficiaries of services, financial aid, or other benefits from the Department.

Recipients are required to provide the information 30 days from acceptance of award. Recipient of multiple awards of DHS financial assistance only submit one completed form for their organization, not per award. Recipient are required to complete the form once every two years if they have an active award, not every time a grant is awarded. Entities whose award does not run a full two years are required to provide the information again if they receive a subsequent award more than two (2) years after the prior award. In responding to Section 4: Required Information, which contains the bulk of the information collection, if the recipient’s responses have not changed in the two year period since their initial submission, the recipient does not need to resubmit the information. Instead, the recipient will indicate “no change” for each applicable item.

The purpose of the information collection is to advise recipients of their civil rights obligations and collect pertinent civil rights information to ascertain it. The recipient has in place adequate policies and procedures to achieve compliance, and to determine what, if any, further action may be needed (technical assistance, training, compliance review, etc.) to ensure the recipient is able to meet its civil rights requirements and will carry out its programs and activities in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Over the past three years, DHS has used the information collected via the DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool to identify gaps and deficiencies in recipient programs and directly help recipients address these gaps and deficiencies by providing technical assistance on developing or improving policies and procedures to prevent discrimination and ensure accessibility.

DHS requires recipients to submit their completed forms and supporting information electronically, via email, to the Department, in an effort to minimize administrative burden on the recipient and the Department. DHS anticipates that all information that will be used to respond to the information collection are already maintained in electronic format by the recipient, so providing the information electronically further minimizes administrative burden. DHS allows recipients to scan and submit documents that are not already maintained electronically.

If the recipient is unable to submit their information electronically, alternative arrangements will be made to submit responses in hard copy.

DHS is pursuing further streamlining of the submission process through development of an online portal that would allow recipients to submit the data directly in a fully electronic form and eliminate the need for recipients to email the form and supporting documents as attachments.

The information collection will impact some small entities (e.g., non-profit service providers, local fire departments, etc.), however as described in response to Question 2, recipients will only be required to provide this information once every two years, not every time a grant is awarded. Additionally, in responding to Section 4: Required Information, if the recipient’s responses have not changed in the two year period since their initial submission, the recipient does not need to resubmit the information. This will dramatically reduce the administrative burden on recipients after the initial submission. Additionally, DHS will further minimize burden on recipients by making available sample policies and procedures to assist recipients in completing Section 4 of the Form, and providing technical assistance directly to the recipient as needed.

In accordance with the authorities identified in Question 1, the Department is required to obtain a signed assurance of compliance from recipients and to ensure that its federally assisted programs and activities are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner. If the information collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, the Department will not be able to fulfill its obligations to ascertain recipient compliance and enforce nondiscrimination in recipient programs. This could lead to the award of federal financial assistance to recipients that are not complying with federal civil rights law, and the perpetuation of discrimination in the provision of benefits and services to members of the public.

There are no confidentiality assurances associated with this collection. The only privacy-sensitive information the form contains are the names of Point of Contacts (POCs) from recipient organizations. Coverage for the collection of this information is provided under a Department Privacy Impact Assessment, DHS/ALL/PIA–006 General Contacts List.

DHS is seeking an extension of the form for another three-year period. DHS is not proposing any changes to the information collected in the form but is proposing changes to Section 1 of the form on instructions to streamline the process for submitting the completed form. The changes to Section 1 do not impact the burden analysis. The changes in costs in Item 14 reflect increased hourly rates for Federal staff as reported by Office of Personnel Management for 2020, as well as an increase in the number of staff participating in the review process. Despite these increases, because the number of recipients subject to the collection has decreased from the previous reporting period, the total costs reported in Item 13 and 14 have also decreased.

Analysis
Title: DHS Civil Rights Evaluation Tool.
OMB Number: 1601–0024.
Frequency: On Occasion.
Affected Public: State, Local and Tribal Government.
Number of Respondents: 2929.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 Hour.
Total Burden Hours: 11716.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Transportation Security Administration
[Docket No. TSA–2001–11120]

Extension of Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Imposition and Collection of Passenger Civil Aviation Security Service Fees

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: 30–day notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the Information Collection Request (ICR), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 1652–0001, abstracted below to OMB for review and approval of an extension of the currently approved collection under the
Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The collection involves air carriers and foreign air carriers maintaining an accounting system to account for the passenger civil aviation security service fees collected and reporting this information to TSA on a quarterly basis, as well as retaining the data used for these reports for three fiscal years.

DATES: Send your comments by April 2, 2021. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina A. Walsh, TSA PRA Officer, Information Technology (IT), TSA—11, Transportation Security Administration, 6595 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, VA 20598–6011; telephone (571) 227–2062; email TSAAPRA@tsa.dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: TSA published a Federal Register notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of information on December 14, 2020, 85 FR 80131.

Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The ICR documentation will be available at http://www.reginfo.gov upon its submission to OMB. Therefore, in preparation for OMB review and approval of the following information collection, TSA is soliciting comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden;
(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

Title: Imposition and Collection of Passenger Civil Aviation Security Service Fees.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 1652–0001.

Forms(s): TSA Form 2502.

Affected Public: Air carriers and foreign air carriers.

Abstract: TSA regulations, 49 CFR part 1510, require air carriers and foreign air carriers to collect the “September 11th Security Fee” from passengers and to remit the fee to TSA on a monthly basis. Air carriers and foreign air carriers are further required to submit quarterly reports to TSA that provide an accounting of the fees imposed, collected, refunded to passengers, and remitted to TSA and to retain this data for three years. TSA has temporarily suspended an additional requirement for air carriers with over 50,000 passengers to submit annual audits of its fee collections and remittance; this requirement may be reinstated in the future. In December 2013, the fee was statutorily restructured to be based on one-way trips rather than enplanements (the statute was further amended to state that the fee shall be $5.60 per one-way trip or $11.20 per round trip.) In 2014 and 2015, TSA published interim final rules to implement these amendments to 49 U.S.C. 44940. See 79 FR 35461 (June 20, 2014) and 80 FR 31850 (June 5, 2015), respectively. This information collection request covers both the quarterly reports and the estimated impact should annual audits be reinstated in the future.

Number of Respondents: 170.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 2,760 hours annually.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Notice To Resume the Preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Construction and Operations Plan for Vineyard Wind LLC


ACTION: Notice to resume the preparation of a final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is resuming the preparation of a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) submitted by Vineyard Wind LLC (Vineyard Wind) concerning the construction and operation of an 800-megawatt wind energy facility offshore Massachusetts (Vineyard Wind 1 Project or Project).

DATES: Preparation of the FEIS resumed after BOEM completed its independent review of information provided in Vineyard Wind’s January 22, 2021, letter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, please contact: Michelle Morin, BOEM, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787–1722 or michelle.morin@boem.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In December 2017, Vineyard Wind submitted a COP to BOEM for the Vineyard Wind 1 Project. On December 7, 2018, BOEM published a draft EIS for the proposed Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). On June 12, 2020, BOEM published a supplement to the draft EIS in response to requests from the public, Federal agencies, and stakeholders for an expanded cumulative analysis and an analysis of fishing data previously unavailable to BOEM. On December 1, 2020, Vineyard Wind withdrew the COP “from further review and decision-making by BOEM pursuant to 30 CFR 585.628” to conduct additional technical and logistical reviews associated with the inclusion of the General Electric Haliade-X wind turbine generator in the final project design. In its letter, Vineyard Wind stated that it required additional time to review updated project parameters to confirm that the parameters fell within the project design envelope previously reviewed during the BOEM NEPA analysis.