

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0517]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Required Information for Annual Improper Payment Estimation****AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 27, 2025.**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–2025–SCC–0517. 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 [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department 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 after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to Carolyn Rose, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453–5967.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, 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. The

Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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:* Required Information for Annual Improper Payment Estimation.*OMB Control Number:* 1845–NEW.*Type of Review:* New ICR.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 3,349.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,089.*Abstract:* The Department executes a two-stage Sampling and Estimation Methodology Plan (S&EMP) that is based in part on the results of compliance audits to estimate its improper payments and unknown payments in accordance with the Public Law 116–117, Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA) and OMB Circular A–123, Part C (A–123C). This is a request for a new information collection to develop a form for institutions of higher education to have a mechanism to report to the Department information required to carry out the S&EMP and publish payment integrity information on an annual basis.**Ross Santy,***Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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**Green Mountain Power Corporation; Notice of Pending Jurisdictional Inquiry, and Soliciting Comments, Protests, and Motions To Intervene**

On May 30, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) received requests from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (Vermont DEC) for updated jurisdictional determinations for the unlicensed Middlesex and Gorge Hydroelectric Projects. The projects are located on the Winooski River in Washington and Chittenden Counties, Vermont.

Pursuant to section 23(b)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA),<sup>1</sup> a non-federal hydroelectric project must be licensed if it: (a) is located on a navigable water of the United States; (b) occupies lands or reservations of the United States; (c) utilizes surplus water or waterpower from a government dam;<sup>2</sup> or (d) is located on a stream over which Congress has Commerce Clause jurisdiction, is constructed or modified on or after August 26, 1935, and affects the interests of interstate or foreign commerce.

A stream is navigable under section 3(8) of the FPA<sup>3</sup> if: (1) it is currently being used or is suitable for use, or (2) it has been used or was suitable for use in the past, or (3) it could be made suitable for use in the future by reasonable improvements, to transport persons or property in interstate or foreign commerce.<sup>4</sup> Navigability under section 3(8) of the FPA is not destroyed by obstructions or disuse of many years; personal or private use may be sufficient to demonstrate the availability of the river for commercial navigation; and the seasonal floatation of logs is sufficient to determine that a river is navigable.

Commission staff previously investigated the Commission's jurisdiction over the Middlesex and Gorge Hydroelectric Projects. On August 24, 1979, staff determined that the projects were non-jurisdictional based on staff's finding that there was insufficient evidence that the Winooski River was navigable above Winooski Falls at river mile 9.5 (the Middlesex

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 817(1).<sup>2</sup> A project that meets condition (a), (b), or (c) is not required to be licensed if it holds a still valid pre-1920 federal permit.<sup>3</sup> 16 U.S.C. 796(8).<sup>4</sup> See *Rochester Gas and Elec. Corp.*, 344 F.2d 594, 596 (2d Cir. 1965).