

knowledge and skills to be tested at each grade and subject, the format of the assessment, and the achievement level descriptions—guiding assessments that are valid, reliable, and reflective of widely accepted professional standards.

In preparation for a potential update, the Board is initiating a preliminary review of the current NAEP Civics Assessment Framework. This initial gathering of public comment is the first stage in a comprehensive multi-year process that, if the Board decides framework revisions are needed, will later involve multiple iterations of stakeholder feedback and an expert panel to guide the development of assessment questions and recommendations for contextual questionnaires administered to students, teachers, and schools.

Individuals and organizations are invited to provide written comments and recommendations relative to the current framework. Comments should specifically address three questions:

- Does the NAEP Civics Assessment Framework need to be updated?
- If the framework needs to be updated, why is a revision needed?
- What should a revision to the framework include?

Your name and affiliation may be shared and discussed publicly with your comments in upcoming Governing Board meetings and materials unless you indicate that your comments can only be shared without attribution.

If the Governing Board decides that an update is needed, the charge to launch the revision process for the NAEP Civics Framework is anticipated to be adopted at the May 2026 quarterly Board meeting. Each NAEP framework development and update process considers a wide set of factors, including but not limited to reviews of recent research on teaching and learning, changes in state and local standards and assessments, and the latest perspectives on the nation's future needs and desirable levels of achievement.

Resources

NAEP Civics Framework
NAEP Civics Specifications
Board Policy on Assessment Framework Development

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2026–SCC–0199]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 2027–2028 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

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 revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 14, 2026.

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–2026–SCC–0199. 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 site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at 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 the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 4C210, Washington, DC 20202–1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, 202–803–1502.

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: 2027–2028 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

OMB Control Number: 1845–0001.

Type of Review: A revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 32,946,253.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 16,065,539.

Abstract: Section 483, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), mandates that the Secretary of Education “. . . shall produce, distribute, and process free of charge common financial reporting forms as described in this subsection to be used for application and reapplication to determine the need and eligibility of a student for financial assistance . . .”.

The determination of need and eligibility are for the following Title IV, HEA, federal student financial assistance programs: the Federal Pell Grant Program; the Campus-Based programs (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and Federal Work-Study (FWS)); the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program; the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant; the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship; and the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant.

Federal Student Aid (FSA), an office of the U.S. Department of Education,

subsequently developed an application process to collect and process the data necessary to determine a student's eligibility to receive Title IV, HEA program assistance. The application process involves an applicant's submission of the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®). After submission and processing of the FAFSA form, an applicant receives a FAFSA Submission Summary, which is a summary of the processed data they submitted on the FAFSA form. The applicant reviews the FAFSA Submission Summary, and, if necessary, will make corrections or updates to their submitted FAFSA data. Institutions of

higher education listed by the applicant on the FAFSA form also receive a summary of processed data submitted on the FAFSA form which is called the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).

ED and FSA seek OMB approval of all application components as a single "collection of information." The aggregate burden will be accounted for under OMB Control Number 1845-0001. The specific application components, descriptions, and submission methods for each are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1—FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Component	Description	Submission method
Initial Submission of FAFSA Form		
<i>fafsa.gov</i>	Any applicant with a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) can complete the electronic version of the FAFSA form.	Submitted by the applicant.
Printed FAFSA form	The printed version of the FAFSA PDF for applicants who are unable to access the internet or complete the form using <i>fafsa.gov</i> .	Mailed by the applicant.
Correcting and Reviewing Submitted FAFSA Information		
<i>fafsa.gov</i> —Corrections	Any applicant with an FSA ID—regardless of how they originally applied—may make corrections to their own data. Note that no user will be able to make corrections to any federal tax information (FTI) that was obtained from the IRS.	Submitted by the applicant.
Electronic Other—Corrections ...	With the applicant's permission, corrections can be made by an FAA (Financial Aid Administrator) using the Electronic Data Exchange (EDE).	The FAA may be using their mainframe computer or software to facilitate the EDE process.
Paper FAFSA Submission Summary.	The paper summary is mailed to paper applicants who did not provide an email address. Applicants can write corrections directly on the paper FAFSA Submission Summary and mail for processing. Note that users for whom federal tax information (FTI) was obtained from the IRS will not be able to make corrections to that data.	Mailed by the applicant.
FAFSA Partner Portal (FPP)—Corrections.	An institution can use FPP to correct the FAFSA form	Submitted by an FAA on behalf of an applicant.
Internal Department Corrections	The Department will submit an applicant's record for system-generated corrections to the FAFSA Processing System. There is no burden to the applicants under this correction type as these are system-based corrections.	These corrections are system-generated.
FAFSA Submission Summary—electronic.	The electronic FAFSA Submission Summary is an online version of the FAFSA Submission Summary that is available on <i>fafsa.gov</i> to all applicants. Notification for the FAFSA Submission Summary is sent to students who applied electronically or by paper and provided a valid email address. These notifications are sent by email and include a secure hyperlink that takes the user to the <i>fafsa.gov</i> site.	Cannot be submitted for processing.

This information collection also documents an estimate of the annual public burden as it relates to the application process for federal student aid. The Applicant Burden Model (ABM) measures applicant burden through an assessment of the activities each applicant conducts in conjunction with other applicant characteristics and, in terms of burden, the average applicant's experience. Key determinants of the ABM include:

- The total number of applicants that will potentially apply for federal student aid;

- How the applicant chooses to complete and submit the FAFSA form (e.g., by paper or electronically);
- How the applicant chooses to submit any corrections and/or updates (e.g., the paper FAFSA Submission Summary or electronically);
- The type of FAFSA Submission Summary document the applicant receives (paper or electronic);
- The formula applied to determine the applicant's student aid index (SAI); and

- The average amount of time involved in preparing to complete the application.

The ABM is largely driven by the number of potential applicants for the application cycle. The total application projection for 2027–2028 is based on the projected total enrollment into post-secondary education for Fall 2027. The ABM is also based on the application options available to students and parents. ED accounts for each application component based on analytical tools, survey information and other ED data sources.

For 2027–2028, ED is reporting a net burden decrease of 4,347,214 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

- Docket Numbers:* ER19–1644–004.
Applicants: Richland-Stryker Generation LLC.
Description: Refund Report: Refund Report.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5075.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER20–681–009; ER20–681–010; ER20–681–011; ER20–681–012; ER20–681–014.
Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Description: Errata to Change in Status and Triennial Market Power Analyses of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Filed Date: 2/3/26.
Accession Number: 20260203–5169.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/24/26.
Docket Numbers: ER20–681–015.
Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Description: Notice of Change in Status of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Filed Date: 2/2/26.
Accession Number: 20260202–5256.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/23/26.
Docket Numbers: ER25–2308–003.
Applicants: Magnolia Power LLC.
Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Magnolia Power LLC.
Filed Date: 2/2/26.
Accession Number: 20260202–5258.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/23/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–729–001.
Applicants: Vaca Dixon BESS LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: Deficiency Letter Response to be effective 2/10/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5095.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–730–001.
Applicants: Arges BESS LLC.

- Description:* Tariff Amendment: Deficiency Letter Response to be effective 2/10/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5096.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–964–001.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: Tariff Amendment: 2026–02–10 SA 4654 Entergy AR–SWPA IOA Sub Certificate of Concurrence to be effective 1/1/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5150.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1316–000.
Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Schedule 1–B of the Markets+ Tariff to be effective 12/31/9998.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5062.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1317–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original GIA, SA No. 7858; Project Identifier No. AF2–388 to be effective 1/14/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5093.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1318–000.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2025–02–10 SA 4676 ITC-Washtenaw Solar GIA (S1067) to be effective 2/6/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5122.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1319–000.
Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.
Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: AEPTX-Industrial Bravo Project Amended Generation Interconnection Agreement to be effective 1/26/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5128.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1320–000.
Applicants: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: DEC–SCPSA—Termination of RS No. 689 to be effective 4/12/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5132.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1321–000.
Applicants: Pastoria Power, LLC.
Description: Initial rate filing: Certificate of Concurrence and Request for Waiver to be effective 2/11/2026.

- Filed Date:* 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5134.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
Docket Numbers: ER26–1322–000.
Applicants: Pastoria Solar Energy Company, LLC.
Description: Initial rate filing: Certificate of Concurrence and Request for Waiver to be effective 2/11/2026.
Filed Date: 2/10/26.
Accession Number: 20260210–5138.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/3/26.
 The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission’s Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: February 10, 2026.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

- Docket Numbers:* EC26–57–000.
Applicants: BIV Generation Company, L.L.C., Colorado Power Partners.
Description: Joint Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of BIV Generation Company, L.L.C., et al.
Filed Date: 2/2/26.
Accession Number: 20260202–5247.