

Abstract: The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) works to improve postsecondary education through grants to postsecondary educational institutions and agencies. Such grants are awarded to non-profit organizations on the basis of competitively reviewed applications submitted to FIPSE under its Comprehensive and Special Focus Competition Program grant competitions. This collection includes a final performance report for use with all of the following Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) programs: Comprehensive (84.116B), European Union-United States (84.116J), U.S.-Brazil (84.116M), North America (84.116N), and U.S.-Russia (84.116S). Also included is a final performance report for Congressionally-directed grants (earmarks)(84.116Z). We request clearance of one annual report for the Comprehensive program (84.116B). A total of three (3) forms comprise this collection. We need to collect this data in order to evaluate and assess each grantee for continued funding and assessment of their project.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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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 rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER11-2780-015.

Applicants: Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation.

Description: Notice of Change in Status of Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation.

Filed Date: 9/9/13.

Accession Number: 20130909-5420.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/30/13.

Docket Numbers: ER11-4649-001.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: BPA ASC Filing for FY 2014-2015 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 8/14/13.

Accession Number: 20130814-5103.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/18/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2146-001.

Applicants: Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.

Description: Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc. submits Amendments to Rate Schedules—Amended Filing to be effective 9/15/2013.

Filed Date: 9/10/13.

Accession Number: 20130910-5119.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2364-000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: PacifiCorp submits OATT Order No. 764 & 764-A Compliance Filing to be effective 11/12/2013.

Filed Date: 9/10/13.

Accession Number: 20130910-5081.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/1/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2365-000.

Applicants: Tucson Electric Power Company.

Description: UNSE Interconnection Agreement to be effective 11/11/2013.

Filed Date: 9/10/13.

Accession Number: 20130910-5120.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/1/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2366-000.

Applicants: Cogentrix of Alamosa, LLC.

Description: First Revised MBR to be effective 11/9/2013.

Filed Date: 9/10/13.

Accession Number: 20130910-5142.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/1/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2367-000.

Applicants: Raven Power Marketing LLC.

Description: Revised Market-Based Rate Tariff to be effective 9/11/2013.

Filed Date: 9/10/13.

Accession Number: 20130910-5149.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/1/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2368-000.

Applicants: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Description: Notice of Termination for the Green Volts SGIA, WDT SA No. 34 Volume No. 4 of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Filed Date: 9/10/13.

Accession Number: 20130910-5168.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/1/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2369-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. submits Notice of Cancellation of PJM Service Agreement No. 3346 to be effective 9/1/2013.

Filed Date: 9/11/13.

Accession Number: 20130911-5035.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/2/13.

Docket Numbers: ER13-2370-000.

Applicants: PacifiCorp.

Description: PacifiCorp submits BPA Two-way Operation and Maintenance Agreement 4th Revised to be effective 11/11/2013.

Filed Date: 9/11/13.

Accession Number: 20130911-5053.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/2/13.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

Dated: September 11, 2013.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2007-0468; ER-FRL 9011-3]

Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Final Rule at 40 CFR Part 8: Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica" (EPA ICR No. 1808.07, OMB Control No. 2020-0007) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2014. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OECA-2007-0468 online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Roemele, Office of Federal Activities, Mail Code 2252A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-5632; fax number: (202) 564-0072; email address: roemele.julie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package

will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

Abstract: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) regulations at 40 CFR Part 8, Environmental Impact Assessment of Nongovernmental Activities in Antarctica (Rule), were promulgated pursuant to the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (Act), 16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 2403a, which implements the Protocol on Environmental Protection (Protocol) to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 (Treaty). The Rule provides for assessment of the environmental impacts of nongovernmental activities in Antarctica, including tourism, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under Paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Treaty, and for coordination of the review of information regarding environmental impact assessments received from other Parties under the Protocol. The requirements of the Rule apply to operators of nongovernmental expeditions organized or proceeding from the territory of the United States to Antarctica and include commercial and non-commercial expeditions. Expeditions may include ship-based tours; yacht, skiing or mountaineering expeditions; privately funded research expeditions; and other nongovernmental activities. The Rule does not apply to individual U.S. citizens or groups of citizens planning travel to Antarctica on an expedition for which they are not acting as an operator. (Operators, for example, typically acquire use of vessels or aircraft, hire expedition staff, plan itineraries, and undertake other organizational responsibilities.) The rule provides nongovernmental operators with the specific requirements they need to meet in order to comply with the requirements of Article 8 and Annex I to the Protocol. The provisions of the Rule are intended to ensure that potential environmental effects of nongovernmental activities undertaken in Antarctica are appropriately identified and considered by the operator during the planning process and that to the extent practicable appropriate environmental safeguards which would mitigate or prevent adverse impacts on the Antarctic environment are identified by the operator.

Environmental Documentation. Persons subject to the Rule must prepare environmental documentation to support the operator's determination

regarding the level of environmental impact of the proposed expedition. Environmental documentation includes a Preliminary Environmental Review Memorandum (PERM), an Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE), or a Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation (CEE). The environmental document is submitted to the Office of Federal Activities (OFA). If the operator determines that an expedition may have: (1) Less than a minor or transitory impact, a PERM needs to be submitted no later than 180 days before the proposed departure to Antarctica; (2) no more than minor or transitory impacts, an IEE needs to be submitted no later than 90 days before the proposed departure; or (3) more than minor or transitory impacts, a CEE needs to be submitted. Operators who anticipate such activities are encouraged to consult with EPA as soon as possible regarding the date for submittal of the CEE. (Article 3(4), of Annex I of the Protocol requires that draft CEEs be distributed to all Parties and the Committee for Environmental Protection 120 days in advance of the next Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) at which the CEE may be addressed.)

The Protocol and the Rule also require an operator to employ procedures to assess and provide a regular and verifiable record of the actual impacts of an activity which proceeds on the basis of an IEE or CEE. The record developed through these measures needs to be designed to: (a) Enable assessments to be made of the extent to which environmental impacts of nongovernmental expeditions are consistent with the Protocol; and (b) provide information useful for minimizing and mitigating those impacts and, where appropriate, on the need for suspension, cancellation, or modification of the activity. Moreover, an operator needs to monitor key environmental indicators for an activity proceeding on the basis of a CEE. An operator may also need to carry out monitoring in order to assess and verify the impact of an activity for which an IEE would be prepared. For activities that require an IEE, an operator should be able to use procedures currently being voluntarily utilized by operators to provide the required information. Should an activity require a CEE, the operator should consult with EPA to: (a) Identify the monitoring regime appropriate to that activity, and (b) determine whether and how the operator might utilize relevant monitoring data collected by the U.S. Antarctic Program. The Office of Federal Activities (OFA) would consult with the

National Science Foundation and other interested Federal agencies regarding the monitoring regime.

In cases of emergency related to the safety of human life or of ships, aircraft, equipment and facilities of high value, or the protection of the environment which would require an activity to be undertaken without completion of the documentation procedures set out in the Rule, the operator would need to notify the Department of State within 15 days of any activities which would have otherwise required preparation of a CEE, and provide a full explanation of the activities carried out within 45 days of those activities. (During the time the Interim Final and Final Rules have been in effect, there were no emergencies requiring notification by U.S. operators. An Interim Final Rule was in effect from April 30, 1997, until replaced on December 6, 2001, by the Final Rule).

Environmental documents (e.g., PERM, IEE, CEE) are submitted to OFA. Environmental documents are reviewed by OFA, in consultation with the National Science Foundation and other interested Federal agencies, and also made available to other Parties and the public as required under the Protocol or otherwise requested. OFA notifies the public of document availability via the World Wide Web at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/international/antarctica/index.html>. The types of nongovernmental activities currently being carried out (e.g., ship-based tours, land-based tours, flights, and privately funded research expeditions) are typically unlikely to have impacts that are more than minor or transitory, thus an IEE is the typical level of environmental documentation submitted. For the 1997–1998 through 2012–2013 austral summer seasons during the time the Rule has been in effect, all respondents submitted IEEs with the exception of two PERMs. Paperwork reduction provisions in the Rule that are used by the operators include: a) Incorporation of material in the environmental document by referring to it in the IEE, b) inclusion of all proposed expeditions by one operator within one IEE; c) use of one IEE to address expeditions being carried out by more than one operator; and d) use of multi-year environmental documentation to address proposed expeditions for a period of up to five consecutive austral summer seasons.

Coordination of Review of Information Received from Other Parties to the Treaty. The Rule also provides for the coordination of review of information received from other Parties and the public availability of that information including: (1) A description

of national procedures for considering the environmental impacts of proposed activities; (2) an annual list of any IEEs and any decisions taken in consequence thereof; (3) significant information obtained and any action taken in consequence thereof with regard to monitoring from IEEs to CEEs; and (4) information in a final CEE. This provision fulfills the United States' obligation to meet the requirements of Article 6 of Annex I to the Protocol. The Department of State is responsible for coordination of these reviews of drafts with interested Federal agencies, and for public availability of documents and information. This portion of the Rule does not impose paperwork requirements on any nongovernmental person subject to U.S. regulation.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are all nongovernmental operators with activities in Antarctica, including tour operators, for which the United States is required to give advance notice under paragraph 5 of Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959; this includes all nongovernmental expeditions to and within Antarctica organized in or proceeding from the territory of the United States.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (40 CFR Part 8).

Estimated number of respondents: 18.

Frequency of response: Annual.

Total estimated burden: 1,254 hours.

Total estimated cost: \$100,575 includes \$3,390 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is a decrease of 454 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is the result of a change to the level of environmental documentation EPA anticipates the operators will submit as well as an anticipated decrease of operators submitting documentation.

Dated: September 17, 2013.

Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER–FRL–9011–2]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202)

564–7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 09/09/2013 Through 09/13/2013

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

EIS No. 20130273, Final EIS, USFS, WY, Mackey Road Relocation, Review Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Misty Hays 307–358–4690.

EIS No. 20130274, Final EIS, USFS, OR, Galena Project, Review Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Dave Halemeier 541–575–3401.

EIS No. 20130275, Final EIS, AFS, BLM, CO, San Juan National Forest and Proposed Tres Rios, Field Office Land and Resource Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 10/21/2013, Contact: Mark Lambert 970–385–1240.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management are joint lead agencies for the above project.

EIS No. 20130276, Draft Supplement, USN, WA, Introduction of the P–8A Multi-Mission Aircraft into the U.S. Navy Fleet, Comment Period Ends: 11/04/2013, Contact: Cory Zahm 757–322–4347.

EIS No. 20130277, Final Supplement, BLM, NV, Silver State Solar South Project Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment, Review Period Ends: 10/21/2013, Contact: Nancy Christ 702–515–5136.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20130227, Draft EIS, NASA, CA, Proposed Demolition and Environmental Cleanup Activities at Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Comment Period Ends: 10/01/2013, Contact: Allen Elliott 256–544–0662.

Revision to FR Notice Published 08/02/2013; Extending Comment Period from 09/16/2013 to 0/01/2013.

Dated: September 17, 2013.

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