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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0043]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021 Update #2

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **APRIL 21, 2021**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed

information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Comments may also be sent to ICDocketmgr@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

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: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2021 Update #2.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0928.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households
Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 673,355.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 401,495.

Abstract: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in

various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Public Law 107-279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. NAEP consists of two assessment programs: the NAEP long-term trend (LTT) assessment and the main NAEP assessment. The LTT assessments are given at the national level only and are administered to students at ages 9, 13, and 17 in a manner that is very different from that used for the main NAEP assessments. LTT reports mathematics and reading results that present trend data since the 1970s.

The request to conduct NAEP 2021, including operational assessments and pilot tests: operational national/state/TUDA Digitally Based Assessments (DBA) in mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8, and Puerto Rico in mathematics at grades 4 and 8; and operational national DBA in U.S. history and civics at grade 8 was approved in April 2020, with further updates to the materials approved in July and November 2020. Throughout 2020 NCES worked with its contractors and with OMB to find the best way to plan for a data collection in schools in 2021, and as the coronavirus pandemic progressed over the course of the year, plans for NAEP 2020 data collection changed multiple times. In November 2020, the NCES Commissioner announced the delay of NAEP 2021 by one year to early 2022.

Since then, NAEP has continued to work to salvage any pieces of their data collection plans for 2021 and begin planning for NAEP 2022. NCES has used the drawn and notified sample from 2021 for two data collections that don't include the student assessment that is central to the NAEP program, instead using that sample to collect information about basic school operations during the coronavirus

pandemic (NAEP 2021 School Survey; OMB# 1850–0957) and a planned data collection seeking more detail about the experiences of teachers and school staff over the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 school years (NAEP 2021 School and Teacher Questionnaire Special Study; OMB# 1850–0956). The 2022 sample may utilize some of the schools originally selected for 2021. Details will be provided in a forthcoming amendment.

This request is to conduct NAEP operational assessments in 2022, which will follow the traditional NAEP design which assesses each student in 60-minutes for one cognitive subject. The 2022 data collection will consist of operational national/state/TUDA DBA in mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8, and Puerto Rico in mathematics at grades 4 and 8; and operational national DBA in U.S. history and civics at grade 8. In addition to the regular NAEP operational assessments delayed from 2021, this submission also contains materials for the LTT. LTT was last administered in 2020 for ages 9 and 13 but due to the COVID–19 pandemic and school closures, the age 17 administration has been delayed until early 2022.

Two additional 30-day packages will be submitted in May and July 2021 in order to update all materials in time for the data collection in early 2022.

Dated: March 17, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP–108–1]

Application To Amend Presidential Permit; Arizona Public Service Company

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Arizona Public Service Company (APS or Applicant) filed a letter informing the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) of a change in the entity identified as the specific transmitter of emergency power imports in Presidential Permit No. PP–108. As a result of the change in counterparty, PP–108 must be amended to reflect that change.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before April 21, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments or motions to intervene should be addressed to Christopher Lawrence, *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202–586–5260 or by email to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*, or Christopher Drake (Attorney-Adviser) at 202–586–2919 or by email to *Christopher.Drake@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On December 5, 1995, DOE issued Presidential Permit No. PP–108, authorizing APS to construct, operate, maintain, and connect the San Luis–Canal Line, a 34.5 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the San Luis Substation in Yuma County, Arizona, extending approximately 2.8 miles to the U.S.–Mexico border adjacent to San Luis, Sonora, Mexico. The purpose of the facilities is the transmission of emergency power by APS to the Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE, the national utility in Mexico) and by CFE to APS. On the same day it issued Presidential Permit No. PP–108, DOE issued an order authorizing APS to export electric energy to CFE.

On July 16, 2019, APS filed a letter with the Office of Electricity of DOE informing the Department of a change in the counterparty listed in Presidential Permit No. PP–108. The letter indicates that CFE is no longer the entity responsible for requesting emergency assistance, as contemplated by the December 29, 2008 Enabling Contract governing transactions over the line. The responsible entity is now the Centro Nacional de Control de Energía (CENACE). APS represents that CENACE “now operates [Mexico’s] wholesale electricity market, has operational control of [Mexico’s] national electric system, and establishes energy imports and exports for reliability and emergency situations,” adding that CFE must “assign the Enabling Contract to CENACE.” APS requested “confirmation from DOE that [the permit] will remain applicable to the Enabling Contract once it has been assigned to CENACE.”

Article 3 of Presidential Permit No. PP–108 states that “the [permitted] facilities . . . may be used to import up to 20 megawatts of electric power and associated energy from [CFE] but only to the extent that such import serves load radially connected to the APS system and does not result in a synchronous connection between CFE and APS.” Article 4 provides that “[n]o change shall be made in the facilities covered by this permit or in [their] authorized operation . . . unless such change has been approved by the DOE.” APS sought confirmation of the permit’s continued applicability following the Enabling Contract’s assignment, not modification of the permit itself. However, because Presidential Permit No. PP–108 specifies CFE as the counterparty to APS, it is necessary for DOE to amend the permit to reflect the assignment.

Article 3 of Presidential Permit No. PP–108 also provides that “[t]he facilities . . . shall be designed and operated in accordance with the applicable criteria established by the Western Systems Coordinating Council [sic] and consistent with that of the North American Electric Reliability Council.” Issuance of the permit preceded the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which added section 215 to the Federal Power Act and allowed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to certify an Electric Reliability Organization to develop enforceable reliability standards for the Nation’s bulk-power system. The certified organization, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), oversees several Regional Entities, one of which is the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). Therefore, concurrent with its intent to modify Article 3 of Presidential Permit No. PP–108 to reflect the substitution of CENACE for CFE, the Department intends to revise Article 3 to substitute the full names of NERC and WECC, as applicable.

Procedural Matters: Any person may comment on this application by filing such comment at the address provided above. Any person seeking to become a party to this proceeding must file a motion to intervene at the address provided above in accordance with Rule 214 of FERC’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Each comment or motion to intervene should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning this application should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. PP–108–1. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Mr. Phillip