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Deputy General Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2022–SCC–0131]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Form for Maintenance of Effort Waiver Requests

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Todd Stephenson, 202–205–1645.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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:* Form for Maintenance of Effort Waiver Requests.

*OMB Control Number:* 1810–0693.

*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 20.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,600.

*Abstract:* Section 8521(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA) provides that a local educational agency (LEA) may receive funds under Title I, Part A and other ESEA “covered programs” for any fiscal year only if the State educational agency (SEA) finds that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of the LEA and the State with respect to the provision of free public education by the LEA for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90 percent of the combined fiscal effort or aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year. This provision is the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements for LEAs under the ESEA. If an LEA fails to meet the MOE requirement, under section 8521(b) of the ESEA, the SEA must reduce the amount of funds allocated under the programs covered by the MOE requirement in any fiscal year in the exact proportion by which the LEA fails to maintain effort by falling below 90 percent of either the combined fiscal effort per student or aggregate expenditures, if the LEA has also failed to maintain effort for 1 or more of the 5 immediately preceding fiscal years. In reducing an LEA’s allocation because it failed to meet the MOE requirement, the SEA uses the measure most favorable to the LEA. Section 8521(c) gives the U.S. Department of Education (ED) the authority to waive the ESEA’s MOE requirement for an LEA if it would be equitable to grant the waiver due to an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance such as a natural disaster or a change in the organizational structure of the LEA or a precipitous decline in the LEA’s financial resources. If an MOE waiver is granted, the reduction required by section 8521(b) does not occur for that year. A request for a waiver of the MOE requirement is

discretionary. Only an LEA that has failed to maintain effort and that believes its failure justifies a waiver would request one. To review an MOE waiver request, ED relies primarily on expenditure, revenue, and other data relevant to an LEA’s request provided by the SEA. To assist an SEA with submitting this information, ED developed an MOE waiver form as part of the 2009 Title I, Part A Waiver Guidance, which covered a range of waivers that ED invited at that time. The purpose of this request is to renew approval for the MOE waiver form. This collection includes burden at the SEA level.

Dated: December 22, 2022.

Kun Mullan,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection request, State Energy Program (SEP), was previously approved on August 31, 2020, under OMB Control Number 1910–5126 and its current expiration date is August 31, 2023. This ICR will include SEP Annual Appropriations and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This ICR makes updates to the SEP reporting metrics to ensure the requested information can be shared on an annual basis with Congress.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 27, 2023. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 881–8585.

**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](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Greg Davoren by email to the following address: [Greg.davoren@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Greg.davoren@ee.doe.gov) with the subject line “State Energy Program (OMB NO. 1910–5126)” included in the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Greg Davoren, EE–5W, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121 or by email or phone at [greg.davoren@ee.doe.gov](mailto:greg.davoren@ee.doe.gov), (202) 287–1706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1910–5126;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* “State Energy Program (SEP)”;
- (3) *Type of Review:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection;
- (4) *Purpose:* To collect information on the status of grantee activities related to SEP Annual Appropriations and IJJA-total activities funded through with grant funds; expenditures; and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively and expeditiously. *SEP Annual Appropriations:* On March 15, 2022, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which appropriated \$56,500,000 to the SEP for formula grants allocation. As noted in SEPN 22–01, SEP Grantees will be required to report metrics related to the expenditure of these funds. *Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act*

*(IIJA):* In addition to the reporting documents for the SEP’s annual appropriations, this collection also includes reporting for the \$790 million delivered by IJJA. IJJA was passed by Congress on November 6, 2021 “to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.” The State Energy Program is listed as an IJJA recipient under Title 1: Grid Infrastructure and Resiliency within Division D—Energy;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 1,288;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 25,088;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$1,187,164.16.

*Statutory Authority:* Title 42, chapter 77, subchapter III, part B of the United States Code (U.S.C.), (42 U.S.C. 6321 *et seq.*). All grant awards made under this program shall comply with applicable laws including, but not limited to, the SEP statutory authority (42 U.S.C. 6321 *et seq.*), 10 CFR part 420, and 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 22, 2022, by Francisco Alejandro Moreno, Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 22, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 5944–000]

**Moretown Hydroelectric, LLC; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation**

The license for the Moretown No.8 Hydroelectric Project No. 5944 was issued for a period ending November 30, 2022.

Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee(s) under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project’s prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 5944 is issued to the Moretown Hydroelectric, LLC for a period effective December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2023, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before November 30, 2023, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Moretown Hydroelectric, LLC is authorized to continue operation of the Moretown No.8 Hydroelectric Project under the terms and conditions of the