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Authority: Pub. L. 107-279, Title III—National Assessment of Educational Progress section 301.

Dated: October 27, 2015.

William J. Bushaw,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB), U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2015-ICCD-0126]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16) Full Scale Student Data Collection

AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 30, 2015.

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-2015-ICCD-0126. 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. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those 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 Director of the

Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela at (202) 502-7411 or by email kashka.kubzdela@ed.gov.

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: 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:16) Full Scale Student Data Collection

OMB Control Number: 1850-0666.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 86,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 75,811.

Abstract: The National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), a nationally representative study of how students and their families finance postsecondary education, was first implemented by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 1987 and has been fielded every 3 to 4 years since. The next major data collection will occur in 2016 following a field test

collection in 2015. This submission is for the ninth cycle in the series, NPSAS:16, which will also serve as the base year study for the 2016 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B) which provides data on the various paths of recent college graduates into employment and additional education. The NPSAS:16 sample will include about 2,000 institutions and about 128,000 students. Institution contacting began in October 2015 and student data collection will be conducted from January through September 2016. The NPSAS:16 full scale institution contacting and enrollment list collection was approved in July 2015 (OMB# 1850-0666 v.15-16). This submission covers NPSAS:16 full scale materials and procedures required for student record abstractions, student surveying, and matching data to administrative files. Because the institution contacting and enrollment list collection will still be ongoing at the time this request is approved, the burden and materials from the NPSAS:16 Full Scale Institution Contacting And Enrollment List Collection request (OMB# 1850-0666 v.15-16) are being carried over in this submission.

Dated: October 27, 2015.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Designation of Performance Review Board Standing Register.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the Performance Review Board Standing Register for the Department of Energy. This listing supersedes all previously published lists of PRB members.

DATES: This appointment is effective as of September 30, 2015.

Bremer, John
Brown, Fred
Cooper, Suzanne
Dickinson, Mark
Erhart, Steven
Gilbertson, Mark
Grose, Amy
Lee, Terri
Lenhard, Joseph
Livengood, Joanna
Mays, Cyndi

McMillian, Jimmy
Mefford, Penny
Mollot, Darren
Moore, Johnny
O'Konski, Peter
Pearson, Gina

Issued in Washington, DC, October 23, 2015.

Erin S. Moore,

Acting Director, Office of Corporate Executive Management, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Designation of Performance Review Board Chair.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the Performance Review Board Chair designee for the Department of Energy. This listing supersedes all previously published lists of Performance Review Board Chair.

DATES: This appointment is effective as of September 30, 2015: Dennis M. Miotla.

Issued in Washington, DC: October 23, 2015.

Erin S. Moore,

Acting Director, Office of Corporate Executive Management, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Information Collection Extension with Changes; Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The EIA invites public comment on the proposed collection of information, EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research" that EIA is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; 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; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 29, 2015. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Jacob Bournazian, Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-0552 or by email at jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jacob Bournazian, Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, phone: 202-586-5562, email: jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1905-0186;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Generic Clearance for

Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research;

- (3) *Type of Request:* Revision;
- (4) *Purpose:* The U.S. Energy

Information Administration (EIA) is planning to request a three-year approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of the data collected on EIA forms. This authority would allow EIA to conduct pretest surveys, pilot surveys, respondent debriefings, cognitive interviews, usability interviews, and focus groups. Through the use of these methodologies, EIA will improve the quality of data being collected for measuring market activity and assessing supply conditions in energy markets, reduce or minimize respondent burden, increase agency efficiency, and improve responsiveness to the public. This authority also

improves EIA's ability to collect relevant and timely information that meets the data needs of EIA's customers.

The specific methods proposed for the coverage by this clearance are described below. Also outlined is the legal authority for these voluntary information gathering activities.

The following methods are proposed:

Field Testing. Field testing surveys conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological studies. The field testing samples drawn may not be representative of the survey respondent universe because they will be designed to clarify particular issues. Collection may be on the basis of fuel market coverage related to the issues that are the subject of the research, market size of the respondent, position of the respondent in the upstream and/or downstream market for a particular fuel group, and convenience, *e.g.*, limited to specific geographic locations. The sample sizes and designs will be determined at the time of development and will vary based on the content of the information collection or survey being tested.

Pilot Surveys. Pilot surveys conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological studies, but will always employ statistically representative samples. The pilot surveys will replicate all components of the methodological design, sampling procedures (where possible) and questionnaires of the full scale survey. Pilots will normally be utilized when EIA undertakes a complete redesign of a particular data collection methodology or when EIA undertakes data collection in new areas, such as greenhouse gases or alternative fueled motor vehicle transportation system studies.

Respondent Debriefings. Respondent debriefings conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological or cognitive research studies. The debriefing form is administered after a respondent completes a questionnaire either in paper format, electronically, or through in-person interviews. The debriefings contain probing questions to determine how respondents interpret the survey questions, how much time and effort was spent completing the questionnaire, and whether they have problems in completing the survey/questionnaire. Respondent debriefings also are useful in determining potential issues with data quality and in estimating respondent burden.

Cognitive Interviews. Cognitive interviews are typically one-on-one interviews in which the respondent is usually asked to "think aloud" or is asked "retrospective questions" as he or