

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: Higher Education Act (HEA) Title II Report Cards on State Teacher Credentialing and Preparation.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0744.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,780.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 266,016.

Abstract: This request is to approve extension of the state and institution and program report cards required by the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 2008 by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). States must report annually on criteria and assessments required for initial teacher credentials using a State Report Card (SRC), and institutions of higher education (IHEs) with teacher preparation programs (TPP), and TPPs outside of IHEs, must report on key program elements on an Institution and Program Report Card (IPRC). IHEs and TPPs outside of IHEs report annually to their states on program elements, including program numbers, type, enrollment figures, demographics, completion rates, goals and assurances to the state. States, in turn, must report on TPP elements to the Secretary of Education in addition to information on assessment pass rates, state standards, initial credential types and requirements, numbers of credentials issued, TPP classification as at-risk or low-performing. The information from states, institutions, and programs is

published annually in The Secretary's Report to Congress on Teacher Quality.

Dated: April 21, 2016.

Kate Mullan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NCES System Clearance for Cognitive, Pilot, and Field Test Studies; ED-2016-ICCD-0040; Correction

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 5, 2016 the U.S. Department of Education published a 60-day comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 19586, Column 2 and 3; Page 19587, Column 1) seeking public comment for an information collection entitled, "NCES System Clearance for Cognitive, Pilot, and Field Test Studies." The number of responses and burden hours were incorrect. The responses are 600,000 and the burden hours are 240,000. The projected increase in burden is due to an increased projection of the need for developmental studies related to plans for beginning new studies and redesign activities for existing studies, including transitions to more online surveys and assessments in the next three years.

The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: April 21, 2016.

Kate Mullan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Quadrennial Energy Review: Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, Secretariat, Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and updating meeting location information.

SUMMARY: At the direction of the President, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or Department), as the

Secretariat for the Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force (QER Task Force), will convene public meetings for the second installment of the Quadrennial Energy Review, an integrated study of the U.S. electricity system from generation through end use. A mixture of panel discussions and a public comment period will frame multi-stakeholder discourse around deliberative analytical questions relating to the intersection of electricity and its role in promoting economic competitiveness, energy security, and environmental responsibility.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates and locations.

ADDRESSES: Between February 4, 2016 and July 1, 2016, you may submit written comments online at <http://energy.gov/qer> or by U.S. mail to the Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, EP5A-60, QER Meeting Comments, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Richards, EP5A-60, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. *Telephone:* 202-586-0507 *Email:* John.Richards@Hq.Doe.Gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 9, 2014, President Obama issued a *Presidential Memorandum—Establishing a Quadrennial Energy Review*. To accomplish this review, the Presidential Memorandum establishes a Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force to be co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Director of the Domestic Policy Council. Under the Presidential Memorandum, the Secretary of Energy shall provide support to the Task Force, including support for coordination activities related to the preparation of the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) Report, policy analysis and modeling, and stakeholder engagement.

The Quadrennial Energy Review process itself involves robust engagement of federal agencies and outside stakeholders, and further enables the federal government to translate policy goals into a set of analytically based, integrated actions for proposed investments over a four year planning horizon. Unlike traditional federal Quadrennial Review processes, the QER is conducted in a multi-year installment series to allow for more focused analysis on particular sub-sectors of the energy system. The initial focus for the Quadrennial Energy Review was our Nation's transmission,

storage and distribution infrastructures that link energy supplies to intermediate and end users, because these capital-intensive infrastructures tend to set supply and end use patterns, investments and practices in place for decades. On April 21, 2015, the Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force released its first Quadrennial Energy Review installment report entitled, "Energy Transmission, Storage, and Distribution Infrastructure". Among the issues highlighted by the analysis in the first installment of the QER were the growing dependencies of all critical infrastructures and economic sectors on electricity, as well as, the increasing interdependence of the various energy subsectors. In response to these findings, and to provide an appropriate consideration of an energy sector undergoing significant technological and regulatory change, the second installment of the QER will conduct a comprehensive review of the nation's electricity system, from generation to end use, including a more comprehensive look at electricity transmission, storage, and distribution infrastructure covered in installment one. The electricity system encompasses not just physical structures, but also a range of actors and institutions. Under this broad framing, the second installment intends to consider the roles and activities of all relevant actors, industries, and institutions integral to continuing to supply reliable and affordable electricity at a time of dramatic change in technology development. Issues to be considered in QER analyses include fuel choices, distributed and centralized generation, physical and cyber vulnerabilities, federal, state, and local policy direction, expectations of residential and commercial consumers, and a review of existing and evolving business models for a range of entities throughout the system.

Significant changes will be required to meet the transformational opportunities and challenges posed by our evolving electricity system. The Administration is seeking public input on key questions relating to possible federal actions that would address the challenges and take full advantage of the opportunities of this changing system to meet the Nation's objectives of reliable, affordable and clean electricity. Over the course of 2016, the Secretariat for the Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force will hold a series of public meetings to discuss and receive comments on the issues outlined above, and well as, others, as they relate to the

second installment of the Quadrennial Energy Review.

The Department of Energy has a broad role in energy policy development and the largest role in implementing the Federal Government's energy research and development portfolio. Many other executive departments and agencies also play key roles in developing and implementing policies governing energy resources and consumption, as well as, associated environmental impacts. In addition, non-Federal actors are crucial contributors to energy policies. Because most energy and related infrastructure is owned by private entities, investment by and engagement of, input from the private sector is necessary to develop and implement effective policies. State and local policies, the views of non-governmental, environmental, faith-based, labor, and other social organizations, and contributions from the academic and non-profit sectors are also critical to the development and implementation of effective Federal energy policies.

The interagency Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force, which includes members from all relevant executive departments and agencies, will develop an integrated review of energy policy that integrates all of these perspectives. It will build on the foundation provided in the Administration's *Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future* of March 30, 2011, and *Climate Action Plan* released on June 25, 2013. The Task Force will offer recommendations on what additional actions it believes would be appropriate. These may include recommendations on additional executive or legislative actions to address the energy challenges and opportunities facing the Nation.

Quadrennial Energy Review Public Meetings

The public meetings will be held on:

- April 25, 2016, 8:30 a.m. at the Western Electricity Coordinating Council, 155 North 400 West, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 - May 6, 8:30 a.m., at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust St. Des Moines, Iowa.
 - May 9, 9:30 a.m., at the University of Texas, Peter O' Donnell, Jr. Applied Computational Engineering and Sciences Building, Avaya Auditorium (POB 2.302), 201 E. 24th Street Austin, Texas.
 - May 10, 9:00 a.m., at City Hall, Tom Bradley Tower Room, 200 N. Spring St. Los Angeles, California.
 - May 24, 10:00 a.m., at Georgia Tech GTRI Conference Center, 250 14th Street NW., Atlanta, Georgia.
- Each meeting will feature facilitated panel discussions, followed by an open

microphone session. People who would like to speak during the open microphone session at the public meeting should come prepared to speak for no more than five minutes and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the order in which they register to speak on a sign-in sheet available at the meeting location, on the morning of the meeting. In advance of the meetings, DOE anticipates making publicly available a briefing memorandum providing useful background information regarding the topics under discussion at the meeting. DOE will post this memorandum on its Web site: <http://energy.gov/qer>.

Submitting comments online. DOE will accept public comments on the QER from February 4, 2016, to July 1, 2016, at energy.gov/qer. Submitting comments online to the DOE Web site will require you to provide your name and contact information. Your contact information will be viewable to DOE staff only. Your contact information will not be publicly viewable except for your first and last names, organization name (if any), and submitter representative name (if any).

Your contact information will be publicly viewable if you include it in the comment itself or in any documents attached to your comment. Any information that you do not want to be publicly viewable should not be included in your comment, nor in any document attached to your comment. Otherwise, persons viewing comments will see only first and last names, organization names, correspondence containing comments, and any documents submitted with the comments.

Do not submit information for which disclosure is restricted by statute, such as trade secrets and commercial or financial information (hereinafter referred to as Confidential Business Information (CBI)). Comments submitted through the DOE Web site cannot be claimed as CBI. Comments received through the Web site will waive any CBI claims for the information submitted. For information on submitting CBI, see the Confidential Business Information section, below.

If you do not want your personal contact information to be publicly viewable, do not include it in your comment or any accompanying documents. Instead, provide your contact information in a cover letter. Include your first and last names, email address, telephone number, and optional mailing address. The cover letter will not be publicly viewable as long as it does not include any comments.

Include contact information each time you submit comments, data, documents, and other information to DOE. If you submit via mail or hand delivery/courier, please provide all items on a CD, if feasible, in which case it is not necessary to submit printed copies. No telefacsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

Comments, data, and other information submitted to DOE electronically should be provided in PDF (preferred), Microsoft Word or Excel, WordPerfect, or text (ASCII) file format. Provide documents that are not secured, written in English, and are free of any defects or viruses. Documents should not contain special characters or any form of encryption and, if possible, they should carry the electronic signature of the author.

Confidential Business Information. Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email, postal mail, or hand delivery/courier two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email or on a CD, if feasible. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination. Confidential information should be submitted to the Confidential QER email address: QERConfidential@hq.doe.gov.

Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include: (1) A description of the items; (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry; (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources; (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure; (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the passage of time; and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest. It is DOE's policy that all comments may be included in the public docket, without change and as received, including any personal information provided in the comments (except information deemed to be exempt from public disclosure).

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 21, 2016.

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QER Secretariat Director, Quadrennial Energy Review Task Force, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Payments

AGENCY: Wind and Water Power Program, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing Guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 242 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities can provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric incentive payments. This incentive is available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under section 242 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2016, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2015.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting applications from April 26, 2016 through May 31, 2016. Applications must be sent to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov by midnight EDT, May 31, 2016, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2015 incentive payments.

ADDRESSES: DOE's guidance is available at: <http://energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/2014-electrical-production-epact-2005-section-242-hydroelectric-incentive>. Written correspondence may be sent to the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-4W), by email at hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Timothy Welch, Office of Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy (EE-4W), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-7055, hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov. *Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), Congress established a new program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure. Under section 242 of EPAct 2005, the Secretary of Energy is directed to provide incentive payments to the owner or authorized operator of qualified hydroelectric facilities for electric energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility for a specified 10-year period (See 42 U.S.C. 15881). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 authorized funding for the Section 242 program for conventional hydropower under EPAct 2005. In FY 2016 DOE allocated \$3.5M for this purpose.

DOE finalized its Guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 242 program in December 2015. The final guidance is available at: <http://energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-program>. Each application will be reviewed based on the Guidance. DOE notes that applicants that received payments for calendar year 2014 and that are eligible for calendar year 2015 payments must still submit a full calendar year 2015 application. As authorized under section 242 of EPAct 2005, and as explained in the Guidance, DOE also notes that it will only accept applications from qualified hydroelectric facilities that began operations at an existing dam or conduit during the inclusive period beginning October 1, 2005 and ending on September 30, 2015. Therefore, although DOE is accepting applications for full calendar year 2015 production, the qualified hydroelectric facility must have begun operations starting October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2015 for DOE to consider the application.

When submitting information to DOE for the Section 242 program, it is recommended that applicants carefully read and review the complete content of the Guidance for this process. When reviewing applications, DOE may corroborate the information provided with information that DOE finds through FERC e-filings, contact with power off-taker, and other due diligence measures carried out by reviewing