

Direct Loan Program including: Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans (Direct Subsidized Loans); Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (Direct Unsubsidized Loans); Federal Direct PLUS Loans (Direct PLUS Loans); and Federal Direct Consolidation Loans (Direct Consolidation Loans).

Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans (collectively, Direct Loans) first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, have

a fixed interest rate that is calculated based on the high yield of the 10-year Treasury notes auctioned at the final auction held before June 1 of each year, plus a statutory add-on percentage (a "margin"). Therefore, while the interest rate determination for new loans will be different from year to year, each of these loans will have a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan. In each case the calculated rate is capped by a maximum interest rate. On Wednesday, May 11,

2016, the United States Treasury Department held a 10-year Treasury note auction that resulted in a high yield of 1.710%.

The following chart contains specific information on the calculation of the interest rates for Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2016, but before July 1, 2017. We publish a separate notice containing the interest rates for Direct Loans that were made in prior years.

**FIXED-RATE DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 7/1/2016 BUT BEFORE 7/1/2017**

Loan type	Student grade level	Cohort		Index rate	Margin (%)	Fixed rate (%)	Max. rate (%)
		First disbursed on/ after	First disbursed before	10-Year treasury note (%)			
Subsidized .....	Undergraduates .....	7/1/2016	7/1/2017	1.710	2.05	3.76	8.25
Unsubsidized ....	Undergraduates .....	7/1/2016	7/1/2017	1.710	2.05	3.76	8.25
Unsubsidized ....	Graduate and Professional Students.	7/1/2016	7/1/2017	1.710	3.60	5.31	9.50
PLUS .....	Parents of Dependent Undergraduates.	7/1/2016	7/1/2017	1.710	4.60	6.31	10.50
PLUS .....	Graduate and Professional Students.	7/1/2016	7/1/2017	1.710	4.60	6.31	10.50

If an application for a Direct Consolidation Loan is received by the Department on or after July 1, 2013, the interest rate on that loan is the weighted average of the consolidated loans, rounded up to the nearest higher 1/8 of 1 percent. These Direct Consolidation Loans do not have an interest rate cap.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1087, *et seq.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2016-ICCD-0067]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Annual Performance Report**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education (ED), Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE).

**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 August 12, 2016.

**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-2016-ICCD-0067. 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 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 2E-103, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Stacey Slijepcevic, 202-453-6150.

**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:* Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Annual Performance Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1840-0793.

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

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 100.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,000.

*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 the First in the World (FITW) Program. This collection includes a performance report for use with FITW programs 84.116F and 84.116X. We request clearance of one annual performance report for FITW programs 84.116F and 84.116X that will serve the dual purpose of an annual and final performance report. In this collection there is one (1) form, the annual performance report for FITW programs that includes a FITW program burden statement. The collection of the requested data in the performance report is necessary for the evaluation and assessment of FITW-funded programs and for assessment of continuation funding for each grantee.

Dated: June 8, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. BLR-006]

#### Notice of Petition for Waiver From Johnston Boiler Company From the Department of Energy Commercial Packaged Boiler Test Procedure

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition for waiver and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of a petition for waiver from Johnston Boiler Company (Johnston) seeking an exemption from specified portions of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure applicable to commercial packaged boilers. Johnston contends that some of their commercial packaged boilers cannot be accurately tested using the currently applicable DOE test procedure and, as a result, seeks to use an alternate test procedure to test these basic models. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning Johnston's petition and the suggested alternate test procedure.

**DATES:** DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the Johnston petition until July 13, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by case number "BLR-006," by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* [AS\\_Waiver\\_Requests@ee.doe.gov](mailto:AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov). Include the case number [Case No. BLR-006] in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed original paper copy.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to review the background documents relevant to this matter, you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>. Available documents include the following items: (1) This notice; (2) public comments received; and (3) the petition for waiver.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a petition received July 21, 2015, Johnston requested that the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") grant a waiver to certain models of larger commercial package boilers that cannot be tested under the existing DOE test procedure. The models of commercial packaged boilers at issue are models with higher input capacities that typically require higher steam pressure and alternative instrumentation due to the large quantities of fluids being measured.

#### I. Background and Authority

Title III, Part C of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6311 *et seq.*), established the Energy Conservation Program for certain industrial equipment, which includes commercial packaged boilers.<sup>1</sup> Part C specifically includes definitions (42 U.S.C. 6311), energy conservation standards (42 U.S.C. 6313), test procedures (42 U.S.C. 6314), labeling provisions (42 U.S.C. 6315), and the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers (42 U.S.C. 6316). Part C authorizes the Secretary of Energy (the Secretary) to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce results that measure energy efficiency, energy use, and estimated annual operating costs, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(2)) With respect to commercial packaged boilers, Part C requires DOE to use industry test procedures developed or recognized by the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) or the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), as referenced in ASHRAE/IES<sup>2</sup> Standard 90.1, "Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings." (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(A)) Further, if such an industry test procedure is amended, DOE is required to amend its test procedure to be consistent with the amended industry test procedure, unless it determines, by rule published

<sup>1</sup> For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part C was re-designated Part A-1.

<sup>2</sup> Illuminating Engineering Society.