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.

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<th>Loan type</th>
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<td>7/1/2016 first disbursed after</td>
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<td>2.05</td>
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<td>Unsubsidized</td>
<td>Undergraduates</td>
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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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Dated: June 8, 2016.

James W. Runcie,
Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

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 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 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;
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


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:


2. Email: AS Waiver Requests@ee.doe.gov. Include the case number [Case No. BLR–006] in the subject line of the message.


5. 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:

(a) This notice; 
(b) public comments received; and 
(c) the petition for waiver.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


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.1 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 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

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

2Illuminating Engineering Society.