

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No. ED–2016–ICCD–0138]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; International Early Learning Study (IELS) 2018 Field Test Recruitment****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 new information collection.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 13, 2017.**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–0138. 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–347, Washington, DC 20202–4537.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact NCES Information Collections at NCES.Information.Collections@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: International Early Learning Study (IELS) 2018 Field Test Recruitment.*OMB Control Number:* 1850–NEW.*Type of Review:* A new information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 404.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 152.*Abstract:* The International Early Learning Study (IELS), scheduled to be conducted in 2018, is a new study sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an intergovernmental organization of industrialized countries. In the United States, the IELS is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The IELS focuses on young children and their cognitive and non-cognitive skills and competencies as they transition to primary school. The IELS is designed to examine: children's early learning and development in a broad range of domains, including social emotional skills as well as cognitive skills; the relationship between children's early learning and children's participation in early childhood education and care (ECEC); the role of contextual factors, including children's individual characteristics and their home backgrounds and experiences, in promoting young children's growth and development; and how early learning varies across and within countries prior to beginning primary school. In 2018, in the participating countries, including the United States, the IELS will assess nationally-representative samples of children ages 5.0–5.5 years (in kindergarten in the United States) through direct and indirect measures, and will collect contextual data about their home learning environments, ECEC histories, and demographic characteristics. The IELS will measure young children's knowledge, skills, and

competencies in both cognitive and non-cognitive domains, including language and literacy, mathematics and numeracy, executive function/self-regulation, and social emotional skills. This assessment will take place as children are transitioning to primary school and will provide data on how U.S. children entering kindergarten compare with their international peers on skills deemed important for later success. To prepare for the main study that will take place in September–November 2018, the IELS countries will conduct a field test in the fall of 2017 to evaluate newly developed assessment instruments and questionnaires and to test the study operations. The U.S. IELS field test data collection will occur from September to October, 2017. In order to meet the international data collection schedule for the fall 2017 field test, field test respondent recruiting activities must begin by May 2017. This request is to conduct recruitment activities for the 2017 IELS field test.

Dated: December 7, 2016.

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

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Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings*Docket Number:* PR17–9–000.*Applicants:* TPL SouthTex Transmission Company LP.*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)+(g): Filing Revised Operating Statement to be effective 11/1/2016; Filing Type: 1300.*Filed Date:* 11/30/2016.*Accession Number:* 201611305268.*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/21/16.*284.123(g) Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/30/17.*Docket Number:* PR17–10–000.*Applicants:* Magic Valley Pipeline, L.P.*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(e).224: Cancellation of Statement of Operating Conditions to be effective 12/1/2016; Filing Type: 800.*Filed Date:* 11/30/2016.*Accession Number:* 201611305277.

Comments/Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/16.

Docket Number: PR17-11-000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)+(g): 20161201_SOR Two GRSA Rate Changes to be effective 11/1/2016; Filing Type: 1300.

Filed Date: 12/1/2016.

Accession Number: 201612015228.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/22/16. 284.123(g) *Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/30/17.

Docket Number: PR17-12-000.

Applicants: Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)/: CMD SOC Rates effective 10-27-2016 to be effective 10/27/2016; Filing Type: 980.

Filed Date: 12/1/2016.

Accession Number: 201612015299.

Comments/Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/22/16.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP16-137-009.

Applicants: Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission, L.

Description: Compliance filing Rate Case Settlement RP16-137 to be effective 5/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/5/16.

Accession Number: 20161205-5437.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17-33-001.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.

Description: Compliance filing Equitrans' October 2016 Clean-Up Compliance Filing to be effective 11/17/2016.

Filed Date: 12/6/16.

Accession Number: 20161206-5121.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/16.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests,

and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: December 6, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER16-2226-000.

Applicants: McHenry Battery Storage, LLC.

Description: Report Filing: Refund Report of McHenry Battery Storage, LLC to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 12/5/16.

Accession Number: 20161205-5443.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: ER17-62-001.

Applicants: Otter Tail Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Errata to Filing of Certificate of Concurrence to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 12/6/16.

Accession Number: 20161206-5240.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/16.

Docket Numbers: ER17-419-000.

Applicants: American Electric Power Service Corporation, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Transource Pennsylvania, LLC and Transource Maryland, LLC submit Supplement to November 28, 2016 American Electric Power Service Corporation Formula Rate OATT Filing.

Filed Date: 12/5/16.

Accession Number: 20161205-5479.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/19/16.

Docket Numbers: ER17-490-000.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2016-12-05 Reactive Power Requirements Automatic Voltage Regulator Amendment to be effective 3/6/2017.

Filed Date: 12/5/16.

Accession Number: 20161205-5438.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: ER17-491-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Cancel LGIA SP Blythe 1 Project SA No. 176 to be effective 2/8/2017.

Filed Date: 12/6/16.

Accession Number: 20161206-5155.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: ER17-493-000.

Applicants: Southern California Edison Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: DSA for the Santa Paula ES A Project, SA No. 917 to be effective 12/7/2016.

Filed Date: 12/6/16.

Accession Number: 20161206-5201.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: ER17-494-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Clean-up of OA, Definition Sec I-L re: accepted language effective as of 7/18/16 to be effective 1/1/2014.

Filed Date: 12/6/16.

Accession Number: 20161206-5202.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric reliability filings

Docket Numbers: RD17-3-000.

Applicants: North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

Description: Joint Petition of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Western Electricity Coordinating Council for Approval of Interpretation of Regional Reliability Standard BAL-002-WECC-2a.

Filed Date: 11/9/16.

Accession Number: 20161109-5164.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/5/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

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