

interconnected power producers, including clean, renewable energy resources.

WAPA's Desert Southwest Region, based in Phoenix, Arizona, operates and maintains more than 3,100 miles of transmission lines and facilities in Arizona, California, and Nevada. WAPA's transmission system in Nevada includes Mead Substation, a facility of the southern portion of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie Project (Intertie) and an important trading hub for wholesale power which offers access to multiple markets throughout the western United States. The Intertie was authorized by Section 8 of the Pacific Northwest Power Marketing Act of August 31, 1964.<sup>1</sup> The basic purpose of the Intertie was to provide, through transmission system interconnections among certain Federal and non-Federal power systems, maximum use of power resources to meet growing demands. WAPA also operates and maintains transmission system assets in the area of Boulder City, Nevada pursuant to its Parker-Davis Project legislative authorities.<sup>2</sup> Finally, WAPA has statutory authority under its Transmission Infrastructure Program (TIP) to borrow up to \$3.25 billion from the Department of the Treasury for the purpose of (1) constructing, financing, facilitating, planning, operating, maintaining, or studying construction of new or upgraded electric power transmission lines and related facilities with at least one terminus within WAPA's service territory, and (2) delivering or facilitating the delivery of power generated by renewable energy resources constructed or reasonably expected to be constructed.<sup>3</sup>

Transmission capacity in the area of Boulder City, Nevada, is congested due to high demand and WAPA seeks to reduce that congestion by increasing transmission capacity. In this notice, WAPA solicits SOIs to allow WAPA to

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 88-552, now codified at 16 U.S.C. 837g.

<sup>2</sup> The Parker-Davis Project was formed by consolidating two projects, Parker Dam and Davis Dam, under terms of the Consolidate Parker Dam Power Project and Davis Dam Project Act on May 28, 1954. Public Law 83-373.

<sup>3</sup> WAPA's Transmission Infrastructure Program (TIP) implements Section 301 of the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 16421a). For each TIP project in which WAPA participates, the WAPA Administrator must certify, prior to committing any funds for the project, that the project is in the public interest, the project will not adversely impact system reliability or operations or other statutory obligations, and it is reasonable to expect the proceeds from the project shall be adequate to repay the loan. TIP's principles, policies, and practices were announced May 14, 2009 (74 FR 22732), and subsequently revised April 7, 2014 (79 FR 19065) and August 23, 2021 (86 FR 47099).

determine the level of interest for actions that could reduce congestion and facilitate the interconnection and/or transmittal of energy, including renewable generation, in its transmission system in southern Nevada. Specifically, WAPA is soliciting SOIs from entities that are interested in (1) participating with WAPA in upgrading or constructing new facilities for WAPA's transmission system, including Mead Substation, in the area of Boulder City, Nevada, and/or (2) taking transmission service from or interconnecting to such upgraded or newly constructed transmission facilities.

SOIs submitted with respect to this notice should include the following information, as applicable:

1. Name and general description of the entity submitting the SOI.
2. Name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the entity's primary contact for the SOI.
3. A description of (a) the entity's interest in upgrading or constructing new transmission facilities in the area of Boulder City, Nevada and/or taking service on or interconnecting to such facilities; (b) information about the energy resource(s) associated with the entity's interest, including, but not necessarily limited to, type of resource, the general location, expected resource capacity, and estimated commercial operation date; and (c) an overview of any proposed upgraded or new transmission facilities, including location, routing, and minimum transfer capability.
4. Statement of potential financing sources, including, if applicable, interest in financing through WAPA's TIP.
5. Description of the proposed role that the submitting entity may serve in the development, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of the facilities.
6. Any other information that the submitting entity thinks would be useful for consideration as part of its SOI.

An expression of interest made by submitting a SOI is not binding or promissory. WAPA will treat data submitted by entities in this process, including financing arrangements with other parties, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If submitting entities seek confidential treatment of all or part of a submitted document under the FOIA exemption for confidential business information, they should appropriately mark such documents and WAPA will consider such markings in the event a FOIA request is received.

Additional information on WAPA's Desert Southwest Region and transmission system can be found at: <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/DSW/Pages/dsw.aspx> and <https://www.wapa.gov/transmission/Pages/oasis.aspx>.

## Procedure Requirements

### Determination Under Executive Order 12866

WAPA has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 15, 2022, by Tracey A. LeBeau, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 17, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-10111-01-OMS]

### Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) request to revise/modify certain of its EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.

**DATES:** EPA approves the authorized program revisions/modifications as of August 23, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shirley M. Miller, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Information Management, Mail Stop 2824T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-2908, [miller.shirley@epa.gov](mailto:miller.shirley@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On June 23, 2022, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) submitted an application titled National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting Tool (NeT) for revisions/modifications to its EPA-approved programs under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed MDEQ's request to revise/modify its EPA-authorized programs and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions/modifications set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance

with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve MDEQ's request to revise/modify its following EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR is being published in the **Federal Register**:

Part 123: EPA-Administered Permit Programs: the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Reporting under 40 CFR 122 and 125

Part 403: General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution Reporting under 40 CFR 403

MDEQ was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized programs listed above.

Dated: August 17, 2022.

**Jennifer Campbell,**

*Director, Office of Information Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-10112-01-OMS]

### Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approval of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WYDEQ) request to revise/modify certain of its EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.

**DATES:** EPA approves the authorized program revisions/modifications as of August 23, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shirley M. Miller, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Information Management, Mail Stop 2824T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-2908, [miller.shirley@epa.gov](mailto:miller.shirley@epa.gov).

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or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On October 19, 2021, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WYDEQ) submitted an application titled shared services integrated into CDX system for revisions/modifications to its EPA-approved programs under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed WYDEQ's request to revise/modify its EPA-authorized programs and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions/modifications set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve WYDEQ's request to revise/modify its following EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR is being published in the **Federal Register**:

- Part 52: Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans (SIP/Clean Air Act Title II) Reporting under CFR 50-52
- Part 60: Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS/CAR/Clean Air Act Title III) Reporting under CFR 60 & 65
- Part 62: Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants (NSPS/Clean Air Act Title III -Hospital/Medical) Reporting under CFR 62
- Part 63: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories (NESHAP MACT/Clean Air Act Title III) Reporting under CFR 61, 63 & 65