

As noted above, the Department believes that much of the data included as part of the ACTS component is already reported elsewhere in IPEDS or, as is noted in the Department's 30-day notice, otherwise available to institutions, (see: ACTS Supporting Statement Part B Revision 3 at page 5, https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=202508-1850-001). Nonetheless, the Department acknowledges that some institutions may be unable to report individual ACTS data elements or may, due to records retention policies or other factors, be unable to report one or more years of ACTS data. That this circumstance might present itself was specifically addressed by the Department in response to comments from the 30-day comment period: "As noted in the collection materials accompanying the ACTS, NCES requires institutions report only those ACTS data they have available. NCES does not anticipate institutions collecting new data in response to the ACTS component. Users should review the codebooks accompanying the collection to identify the reserve code that indicates a variable is not available for reporting (e.g., a "-1" value)." (see: Appendix F FRN 30-day Comment Responses at pages 6–7, https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=202508-1850-001). The Department went on to explain that assistance will be available as needed to institutions as they navigated the submission process, writing "[a]s always, the IPEDS HelpDesk remains available to assist institutions who experience difficulties submitting their ACTS data."

Burden Calculation

As is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Department sought to estimate the burden associated with the ACTS component. To develop the estimate, the Department first reviewed the burden estimates associated with existing survey components as outlined in Supporting Statement Part A Change Package 102925, (see: Supporting Statement Part A Change Package 102925 at page 33, <https://www.regulations.gov/document/ED-2025-SCC-0382-3465>). There, the Department noted the estimated average institutional burden hours associated with most IPEDS components ranged from 6 to 9 hours each—effectively, one business day. The Department then imagined what was, effectively, the worst-case scenario: rather than taking eight hours to gather the data needed to complete the most recent years' worth of ACTS data and manually enter it into

the Data Collection System, it took eight weeks (320 hours). Given the frequent reliance on data elements used elsewhere in the collection, the Department viewed this scenario as unlikely. The Department again assumed what it felt was the worst-case scenario for collecting all required prior years' data: that, taken together, lessons learned from preparing the first year of data would only reduce the burden by half (or 160 hours). In total, then, the Department initially theorized the worst-case scenario for the ACTS collection was 480 burden hours (60 business days) per institution using the data collection methodology used for other IPEDS components, in which IPEDS data are initially collected in aggregate form.

The Department then considered the burden-reduction impact of the alternative data collection methodology proposed for the ACTS collection, in which institutions prepare student-level data files in accordance with a template which are then either (a) aggregated locally using statistical code provided by RTI or (b) uploaded to RTI's aggregator tool to be aggregated within their system. Although it was impossible to precisely quantify the potential reduction in burden the methodology represented, the Department felt that it was dramatic, exceeding 50 percent. Ultimately, the Department concluded that a reasonable estimate of the burden was five weeks (25 business days) of full-time work (8 hours) each day to complete the ACTS component, or 200 total hours per institution. Notably, the Department's proposed timeline for the ACTS collection—which ran from December 18, 2025, through March 18, 2026—included 65 business days. (See: Appendix F FRN 30-day Comment Responses at page 21); (see: ACTS Supporting Statement Part A Revision 3 at page 32); (https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewDocument?ref_nbr=202508-1850-001).

The Department's Capacity To Collect and Process Data

As mentioned above, the Department has sufficient resources to administer the ACTS survey and utilize the results, by primarily relying on contractors to manage, collect, and process the data for IPEDS. This has been common practice for the bulk of the years IPEDS data has been collected dating back to the 1980s. The support of contractors in substantial data collection efforts is common practice in the Federal government. Between the current contracting service utilized by the Department, and another contractor whose services for IPEDS will

overlap with the current contractor for the next year, the Department will retain support for the services needed to collect and process IPEDS data.

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Acting Commissioner, National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, October 14, 2026; 6–8 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy (DOE) Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. This meeting will be held in-person at the DOE Information Center and virtually. To receive the virtual access information, please send an email to: orssab@orem.doe.gov at least two days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melyssa P. Noe, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM), P.O. Box 4067, EM–94, Oak Ridge, TN 37831; Phone (865) 241–3315; or Email: Melyssa.Noe@orem.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: At the request of the Assistant Secretary or Field Managers, the Board may provide community-based advice and recommendations concerning any EM program activities, such as clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; communications; and budget priorities. The Board also provides an avenue to fulfill public participation requirements outlined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Federal

Facility Agreements, Consent Orders, Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements.

Tentative Agenda: (agenda topics are subject to change; please email orsab@orem.doe.gov for the most current agenda)

- OREM Presentation to the Board
- Discussion
- Public Comment Period
- Board Business

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public and public comment can be given orally or in writing. Fifteen minutes are allocated during the meeting for public comment and those wishing to make oral comment will be given a minimum of two minutes to speak. Written comments received at least two working days prior to the meeting will be provided to the members and included in the meeting minutes. Written comments received within two working days after the meeting will be included in the minutes. For additional information on public comment and to submit written comment, please email orsab@orem.doe.gov. The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Meeting conduct: The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Questioning of board members or presenters by the public is not permitted.

Minutes: Minutes will be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/orem/listings/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board-meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 9, 2026, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, 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 September 10, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following Electric Corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC26–165–000.

Applicants: AEP Oklahoma

Transmission Company, Inc.

Description: Joint Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of AEP Oklahoma Transmission Company, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 9/8/26.

Accession Number: 20260908–5358.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/29/26.

Take notice that the Commission received the following Exempt Wholesale Generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG26–310–000.

Applicants: Cedar 2 SES LLC.

Description: Cedar 2 SES LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 9/4/26.

Accession Number: 20260904–5220.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/25/26.

Take notice that the Commission received the following Complaints and Compliance filings in EL Dockets:

Docket Numbers: EL26–105–000.

Applicants: Agilitas Energy, Inc. v.

PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Description: Complaint of Agilitas Energy, Inc. v. PJM Interconnection, LLC.

Filed Date: 9/4/26.

Accession Number: 20260904–5208.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/14/26.

Docket Numbers: EL26–106–000.

Applicants: RWE Americas, LLC v.

PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Complaint of RWE Americas, LLC v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Filed Date: 9/4/26.

Accession Number: 20260904–5225.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/14/26.

Take notice that the Commission received the following Electric Rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER26–1929–002.

Applicants: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Compliance Filing to Revise HILT as

Required by the Commission's Aug. 14 Order to be effective 7/16/2026.

Filed Date: 9/9/26.

Accession Number: 20260909–5123.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/30/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3166–001.

Applicants: ALLETE, Inc.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amended Certificates of Concurrence to NSPM Agreements (ER26–3166–) to be effective 6/13/2025.

Filed Date: 9/9/26.

Accession Number: 20260909–5130.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/30/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3738–000.

Applicants: Albion PV1, LLC.

Description: Request for Limited and Prospective Waiver, et al. of Albion PV1, LLC.

Filed Date: 9/8/26.

Accession Number: 20260908–5354.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/29/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3739–000.

Applicants: Ohio Power Company, American Electric Power Service Corporation.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: American Electric Power Service Corporation submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): AEPSC submits Facilities Agmt—SA No. 1336 to be effective 12/1/2026.

Filed Date: 9/9/26.

Accession Number: 20260909–5036.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/30/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3740–000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to Modify and Clarify CPP Governing Language to be effective 11/9/2026.

Filed Date: 9/9/26.

Accession Number: 20260909–5090.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/30/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3742–000.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): Alabama Power (Clearview Ranch BESS) SISA Filing to be effective 8/26/2026.

Filed Date: 9/9/26.

Accession Number: 20260909–5151.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/30/26.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18