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Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Mark K. Webb, U.S. Marine Corps, Executive Secretary, JSC, (703) 693-9299, mark.webb@usmc.mil. The JSC website is located at <http://jsc.defense.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is provided in accordance with DoD Instruction 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC)," February 21, 2018 (available at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/550017-5C.PDF?ver=2018-02-21-074422-370>). These proposed changes have not been coordinated within the DoW under DoD Directive 5500.01, "Preparing, Processing, and Coordinating Legislation, Executive Orders, Proclamations, Views Letters, and Testimony," June 15, 2007 (available at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/doddd/550001p.pdf>), and do not constitute the official position of the DoW, the Military Departments, or any other Government agency. The JSC invites members of the public to comment on the proposed changes; such comments should address specific recommended changes and provide supporting rationale.

This notice also sets forth the date, time, and location for a public meeting of the JSC to discuss the proposed changes.

This notice is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government. It is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

Dated: October 8, 2026.

Stephanie J. Bost,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-3070]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; IHE Considerations Around Program Closure: How External Pressures and Internal Policies Shape Decision Making

AGENCY: National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE), Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 14, 2026.

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-2026-SCC-3070. 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. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. 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 National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE); Institute of Education Sciences; U.S. Department of Education; IES—D Street; Room 10.8.0.D; 400 Maryland Ave. SW; Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Diana Epstein at diana.epstein@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is the estimated burden of the data collection accurate; (2) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (3) 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: IHE Considerations Around Program Closure: How External Pressures and Internal Policies Shape Decision Making.

OMB Control Number: 1850-NEW.

Type of Review: A new ICR.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 2,160.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 384.

Abstract: The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the U.S. Department of Education (ED) requests public comment in advance of a request for clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct new data collection activities for the IHE Considerations Around Program Closure: How External Pressures and Internal Policies Shape Decision Making study. This is the first and only request for the collection of data for this study.

The purpose of the planned information collection is to understand the factors linked to program closure and suspension in U.S. institutions of higher education (IHEs), including how IHE policies and procedures shape these program decisions. The study will combine extant data with new data collection, including a national survey of IHEs that appear to have closed or suspended programs since 2022 and structured interviews with institutional leaders. This mixed-methods approach will reveal patterns of closure, explain decision-making processes, and explore how IHE governance and human

resources (HR) policies play a role in decision making.

Ross Santy,

Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

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

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP27–24–000.

Applicants: Shell Energy North America (U.S.), L.P., Constellation Energy Generation, LLC.

Description: Joint Petition for Limited Waiver of Capacity Release Regulations, et al. and Request for Expedited Action of Shell Energy North America (US), L.P., et al.

Filed Date: 10/7/26.

Accession Number: 20261007–5160.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/19/26.

Docket Numbers: RP27–25–000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 10.8.26 Negotiated Rates—Freeport Commodities LLC R–7250–53 to be effective 11/1/2026.

Filed Date: 10/8/26.

Accession Number: 20261008–5057.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/20/26.

Docket Numbers: RP27–26–000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 10.8.26 Negotiated Rates—Freeport Commodities LLC R–7250–54 to be effective 11/1/2026.

Filed Date: 10/8/26.

Accession Number: 20261008–5059.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/20/26.

Docket Numbers: RP27–27–000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 10.8.26 Negotiated Rates—Freeport Commodities LLC R–7250–55 to be effective 11/1/2026.

Filed Date: 10/8/26.

Accession Number: 20261008–5060.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/20/26.

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

CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

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

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

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: October 8, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10441–020]

City of Aspen; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Maroon Creek Hydroelectric Project

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Subsequent Minor License.

b. *Project No.:* 10441–020.

c. *Date Filed:* April 8, 2025.

d. *Applicant:* City of Aspen.

e. *Name of Project:* Maroon Creek Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On Maroon Creek near the city of Aspen in Pitkin County, Colorado. The project occupies 0.575 acres of land managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the White River National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Phil Overeynder, Utility Director, 427 Rio Grande Place, Aspen, CO 81611, (970) 920–5000, phil.overeynder@aspen.gov.

i. *FERC Contact:* Jane Dalglish, Coordinator, West Branch, Division of

Hydropower Licensing; (503) 552–2718; jane.dalglish@ferc.gov.

j. The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental effects of relicensing the Maroon Creek Hydroelectric Project. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether to issue a new license for the project.

k. This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. This notice is intended to advise all participants as to the potential scope of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document and to seek additional information pertinent to this analysis. Commission staff does not intend to issue a separate scoping document.

As part of the NEPA review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental effects that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a hydropower license. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues.

l. *Scoping Comments:* By this notice, the Commission requests written public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 9, 2026.

Comments should focus on the potential environmental effects and reasonable alternatives. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written and oral comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659