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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The EAC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed information collection. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection in writing to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, NW., Suite

1100, Washington, DC 20005, ATTN: Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification; or via fax to 202-566-1392.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual, please, write to the above address or call Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC, (202) 566-3100; Fax: (202) 566-1392. You may also view the proposed collection instrument by visiting the EAC Web site at <http://www.eac.gov>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual.

*OMB Number:* 3265-0004.

*Type of Review:* Extension with revisions of a currently approved collection.

*Needs and Uses:* HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems (42 U.S.C. 15371). Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA specifically requires to EAC to “\* \* \* provide for the certification, decertification and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories.” The EAC will perform this mandated function through the use of its Voting System Testing and Certification Program. Voting systems certified by the EAC will be used by citizens to cast votes in Federal Elections. Therefore, it is paramount that the program operates in a reliable and effective manner. In order to certify a voting system, it is necessary for the EAC to (1) Require voting system manufacturers to submit information about their organization and the voting systems they submit for testing and certification; (2) require voting system manufacturers to retain voting system technical and test records; and (3) to provide a mechanism for election officials to report events which may effect a voting system's certification.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit institutions and state and local election officials.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 94 annually.

*Total Annual Responses:* 99 annually.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 119 hours.

**Thomas R. Wilkey,**

*Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy; Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee: Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a Member to the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to serve as members of the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of Energy on the development and implementation of programs under Subtitle J, Section 999 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT) related to ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resources and review and provide written comments on the annual plan as described in this subtitle of the EPACT. The membership of the Advisory Committee must be in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and some members of the Advisory Committee may be appointed as special Government employees of the Department of Energy.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received by February 2, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding this Request for Nominations please contact Ms. Elena Melchert, Mr. Bill Hochheiser, or Mr. James Slutz, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee, at [ultradeepwater@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ultradeepwater@hq.doe.gov) or (202) 586-5600. Complete text of Subtitle J, Section 999 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 can be found on the DOE Office of Fossil Energy Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/advisorycommittees/UltraDeepwater.html>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* Under Subtitle J, Section 999, the Secretary of Energy is required to carry out a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of technologies for ultra-deepwater and unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resource exploration and production, including addressing the technology challenges for small producers, safe operations, and environmental mitigation (including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and sequestration of carbon). The activities should maximize the value of natural gas and other petroleum resources of the United States by increasing the supply