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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5607-N-11]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Counseling Client Survey

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: June 18, 2012.*

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1-800-877-8339).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Cromwell, Office of Single Family Program Support Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-4465 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the

accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Counseling Client Survey.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0585.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: As a condition of eligibility to receive a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), consumers must participate in reverse mortgage counseling. As part of HUD's evaluation of its HECM counseling program, performance reviews are conducted at the HUD-approved counseling agencies by HUD staff. HUD staff mails or emails, when an email address is available, the HECM client survey to consumers who have recently received counseling through the agency. This survey is completed by the consumer and mailed or emailed back to HUD. It provides valuable feedback to HUD regarding customer service and counseling quality provided by the HECM counseling agency being reviewed. HUD uses this information to evaluate the counseling agency and, further, to make any policy or procedural changes as necessary.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-92911.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 50, the number of respondents is 300 generating approximately 300 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response varies from 10 minutes to 20 minutes.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is an extension of a previously approved information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (Act) prohibits activities with endangered and threatened species unless a Federal permit allows such activity. The Act requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before May 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments by U.S. mail to the Regional Director, Attn: Lisa Mandell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; or by electronic mail to permitsR3ES@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Mandell, (612) 713-5343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We invite public comment on the following permit applications for certain activities with endangered species authorized by section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations governing the taking of endangered species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17. Submit your written data, comments, or request for a copy of the complete application to the address shown in **ADDRESSES**.

Permit Applications

Permit Application Number: TE71464A.
Applicant: Bishop Hill Energy LLC,
Chicago, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to take (salvage) the endangered Indiana

bat (*Myotis sodalis*) at the Bishop Hill Wind Energy Project, Henry County, IL. The applicant proposes a maximum take of two Indiana bats during proposed research to determine operating methods to avoid long-term take of the species at the facility.

Under the research proposal, Bishop Hill Energy would evaluate bat mortality and take avoidance at the facility to benefit listed and unlisted bat species. The primary goal of the research is to evaluate and devise biologically based operational protocols for turbines at the Henry County facility to successfully avoid take of listed bat species.

In addition, information generated by the proposed research could be used to inform operational protocols at other operating wind energy projects within the range of Indiana bats, thereby enhancing the propagation and survival of the listed species. The proposed study is designed to research (1) effective methods to avoid mortality of listed bats through curtailment of turbines and (2) the relationship between temperature and risk of bat mortality. The applicant requests a permit term of two years.

The environmental impacts of the proposed study have been evaluated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). The USFWS has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to conduct this evaluation prior to making its decision on permit issuance. The EA is available for public review concurrent with the permit application.
Permit Application Number: TE71680A.
Applicant: Megan Caylor, Indianapolis, IN.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and Gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) throughout the range of the species. The applicant requests authority to conduct activities aimed at enhancement of survival of the species in the wild in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, DC, and West Virginia.
Permit Application Number: TE15027A.
Applicant: Stantec Consulting, Columbus, OH.

The applicant requests a renewal of their permit, with an amendment, to take the following species: Indiana bats, gray bats, Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*), American

burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*), and Mitchell's satyr butterfly (*Neonympha mitchellii mitchellii*) for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species in the wild. Proposed activities may occur within the following States: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.
Permit Application Number: TE71718A.

Applicant: Steffen J. Bradley, Finneytown, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to take Indiana bats and gray bats within Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the recovery of the species and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE71720A.
Applicant: Forest Preserve District of Will County, Plainfield, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats and gray bats within the Forest Preserve District, Will County, IL, for the purpose of recovery and enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE71730A.
Applicant: Missouri Department of Conservation, Lost Valley Hatchery, Warsaw, MO.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and hold; propagate and release) the Topeka shiner (*Notropis topeka*) within the State of Missouri. Propagation activities will be conducted in accordance with the 10-year Strategic Plan for Recovery of the Topeka Shiner in Missouri. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of propagation and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE00622A.
Applicant: Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy, Marquette, MI.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) within Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Proposed activities involve protection of nests and adults, collection, and participating in captive rearing/release in accordance with USFWS protocols. Activities proposed are for the recovery of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE06846A.
Applicant: Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, Washington, DC

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture, band/tag, and release) the Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) throughout Michigan for scientific research aimed at recovery of the species.

Permit Application Number: TE71737A.
Applicant: Roger A. Klocek, Plainfield, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Higgins' eye

pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), spectaclecase mussel (*Cumberlandia monodonta*), and sheepnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*) within the Mississippi River in Iowa. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE71819A.
Applicant: The University of Michigan, Dearborn, MI.

The applicant requests a permit to take Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*) within Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. Proposed take involves capture and handling, nonlethal collection of tissue, and release. Activities are proposed to enhance the recovery of the species through research into genetic diversity.
Permit Application Number: TE08603A.
Applicant: Michelle Malcosky, Hudson, OH.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats throughout the species' range for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.
Permit Application Number: TE71821A.
Applicant: David T. Zanatta, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release; temporary holding) the following mussel species: Snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*), Clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), and Northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*). Proposed activities may occur within Michigan and Wisconsin for the purpose of research and enhancement of propagation and survival of the species in the wild.
Permit Application Number: TE71827A.
Applicant: Benjamin T. Hale, Jacksonville, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, Ozark big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), and Virginia big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii virginianus*) throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE206778.

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, Twin Cities, MN.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to add snuffbox, spectaclecase, and sheepnose mussels to existing Fish and Wildlife Permit Number TE206778. Proposed activities would occur within Minnesota and Wisconsin for the enhancement and propagation and survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE71834A.

Applicant: Robert J. Welch, Waupaca Biological Field Station, Waupaca, WI.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) snuffbox mussels within Wisconsin for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Permit Application Number: TE02360A.

Applicant: Sydney Morgan, Charleston, WV.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (capture and release) Indiana bats, gray bats, and Virginia big-eared bats throughout the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Proposed activities are for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Public Comments

We seek public review and comments on these permit applications. Please refer to the permit number when you submit comments. Comments and materials we receive are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft enXco Desert Harvest Solar Farm Project Environmental Impact Statement, Riverside County, CA and the Draft California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the enXco Desert Harvest Solar Farm Project and draft California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan Amendment, and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft EIS and Draft CDCA Plan Amendment.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS and Draft CDCA Plan Amendment within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the enXco Desert Harvest Solar Farm Project and CDCA Plan Amendment by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/Solar_Projects/Desert_Harvest_Solar_Project.html.
- *Email:* cadesterharvest@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (951) 697-5299.
- *Mail:* Lynnette Elser, BLM, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553.

Copies of the enXco Desert Harvest Solar Farm Project Draft EIS and Draft CDCA Plan Amendment are available in the BLM California Desert District Office at the above address and at the BLM Palm Springs Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynnette Elser, Project Manager; telephone (951) 697-5233; address

BLM, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553; email cadesterharvest@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above referred individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant, enXco, has requested a right-of-way (ROW) authorization to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating facility with a proposed output of 150 megawatts (mw) and a facility footprint of approximately 1,280 acres. The proposed project would be located on BLM-administered lands in Riverside County, California, about 6 miles north of the rural community of Desert Center, California. The overall site layout and generalized land uses could include a substation, an administration building, operations and maintenance facilities, a transmission line, and temporary construction lay down areas. The project's 230-kilovolt (kV) generation interconnection transmission line would either be located on the previously approved First Solar Desert Sunlight project's 230-kV gen-tie (as a shared facility), or would be located on a combination of private and BLM-administered lands and would utilize a planned 230- to 500-kV substation (referred to as the Red Bluff Substation). The Red Bluff Substation would connect the project to Southern California Edison regional transmission grid. If the project is approved, construction would begin in late 2013 and would take 9-12 months to complete.

The BLM's purpose and need for the Desert Harvest Project is to respond to enXco's application under Title V of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1761) for a ROW grant to construct, operate, and decommission a solar PV facility on public lands in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, BLM ROW and land use planning regulations, and other applicable laws and regulations. The BLM will decide whether to approve, approve with modification, or deny a ROW to enXco for the proposed Desert Harvest project. Concurrently with its action on the ROW request, the BLM is also proposing to amend the CDCA Plan to make the project area (or portions of the project area) either available or unavailable for future solar development. The CDCA Plan (1980, as