

comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html.

4. *Performance Measures:* One goal of the CSP is to support the creation and development of a large number of high-quality charter schools (as defined in this notice) that are free from State or local rules that inhibit flexible operation, are held accountable for enabling students to reach challenging State performance standards, and are open to all students. The Secretary has two performance indicators to measure progress toward this goal: (1) The number of high-quality charter schools in operation around the Nation, and (2) the percentage of fourth- and eighth-grade charter school students who are achieving at or above the proficient level on State examinations in mathematics and in reading/language arts. Additionally, the Secretary has established the following measure to examine the efficiency of the CSP: Federal cost per student in implementing a successful school (defined as a school in operation for three or more consecutive years).

5. *Continuation Awards:* The Secretary may make continuation awards under this competition. In making a continuation award, the Secretary may consider, under 34 CFR 75.253, the extent to which a grantee has made "substantial progress toward meeting the objectives in its approved application." This consideration includes the review of a grantee's progress in meeting the targets and projected outcomes in its approved application, and whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget. In making a continuation grant, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs

or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

VII. Agency Contact

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Paulu or Erin Pfeltz, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4W246, Washington, DC 20202-5970. Emails and telephone numbers: nancy.paulu@ed.gov or (202) 205-5392; erin.pfeltz@ed.gov or (202) 205-3525.

If you use a TDD or TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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James H. Shelton, III,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to OMB for extension

under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Labor Relations collection. The collection requests information from the Department of Energy Management and Operation and Facilities Management Contractors for contract administration, management oversight and cost control. The information collection will assist the Department in evaluating the implementation of the contractors' work force collective bargaining agreements, and apprise the Department of significant labor-management developments at DOE contractor sites. This information is used to ensure that Department contractors maintain good labor relations and retain a workforce in accordance with the terms of their contract and in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements as identified by contract.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before August 29, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. And to: Eva M. Auman, Attorney-Advisor (Labor), GC-63, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at 202-586-0971 or by email to eva.auman@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Eva M. Auman, Attorney-Advisor (Labor), GC-63, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at 202-586-0971 or by email to eva.auman@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5143; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* This information collection was originally titled Legacy Management Labor Relations, but due to the transfer of this function from the Office of Legacy Management to the Office of General

Counsel, the title has been shortened to Labor Relations; (3) *Type of Request*: Renewal; (4) *Purpose*: The proposed collection will request information from the Department of Energy Facilities Management Contractors for contract administration, management oversight and cost control. This information is used to ensure that Department contractors maintain good labor relations and retain a workforce in accordance with the terms of their contract and in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements as identified by contract. The respondents are Department Management and Operations and Facility Management Contractors; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 35; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 35; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 1.84 per respondent for total of 64.4 per year; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$8,310.80.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7254, 7256.

Issued in Washington, DC, on: July 25, 2012.

Jean S. Stucky,

Assistant General Counsel for Labor and Pension Law, Office of the General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Briefings on Preliminary Findings of 2012 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of upcoming webinars.

SUMMARY: Section 216(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) to complete a study of electric transmission congestion every three years. DOE previously issued the 2006 and 2009 studies and is currently developing the 2012 study. DOE, as part of the consultation process, will host three webinars in August 2012 to receive input and suggestions concerning the preliminary findings of the study. After the webinars, DOE will release a draft of the study for public comment. After reviewing and considering the comments received, DOE will publish a final version of the study.

DATES: The webinars are open to the public and will be held on three dates in August:

- Tuesday, August 7, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.

- Thursday, August 16, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.
- Tuesday, August 21, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Those wishing to participate in these webinars should register in advance at this Web site, <http://energy.gov/node/378523> or use the link to the registration available at the Department's Congestion Study Web site, <http://energy.gov/oe/congestion-study-2012>. At these webinars, DOE will set aside time to allow participants to make comments and direct questions to the presenters. Federal law requires DOE to consult with the states in the preparation of the Congestion Study. Accordingly, although stakeholders may participate in any of the webinars, two of these webinars (August 7 and 21) will focus in particular on state officials' comments and concerns. The third Webinar (August 16) will provide an opportunity to discuss the comments and concerns of all stakeholders.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, david.meyer@hq.doe.gov, or call 202-586-1411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) (EPAAct) added several new provisions to the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p) (FPA), including FPA section 216. FPA section 216(a) requires the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of electric transmission congestion ("National Electric Transmission Congestion Study" or (Congestion Study)) within one year from the date of enactment of EPAAct and every three years thereafter. The 2006 and 2009 Congestion Studies reviewed congestion nationwide except for the portion of Texas covered by the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas, to which FPA section 216 does not apply. The 2012 Congestion Study is being developed with a similar scope. FPA section 216(a) requires the congestion study be conducted in consultation with affected States and regional entities identified in FPA section 215.

DOE intends to release a draft version of the 2012 Congestion Study later in 2012 for public comment. After reviewing and considering the comments received, DOE will issue a final version of the study.

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Patricia A. Hoffman,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Case No. RF-024]

Petition for Waiver of LG Electronics, Inc. From the Department of Energy Residential Refrigerator and Refrigerator-Freezer Test Procedure and Grant of Interim Waiver

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Petition for Waiver, Notice of Granting Application for Interim Waiver, and Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of a petition for waiver from LG Electronics, Inc. (LG) regarding specified portions of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) test procedure for determining the energy consumption of electric refrigerators and refrigerator-freezers. It also grants LG with an interim waiver from that procedure. The waiver request pertains to the basic models set forth in LG's petition that incorporate dual compressors. In its petition, LG provides an alternate test procedure that addresses difficulties in testing dual compressor systems according to the DOE test procedure. DOE solicits comments, data, and information concerning LG's petition and the suggested alternate test procedure.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information with respect to the LG Petition until, but no later than August 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by case number "RF-024," by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov. Include the case number [Case No. RF-024] in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2/1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

Docket: For access to the docket to review the background documents