

comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to an electronic mail message (email) or provided in the body of an email message. Comments about an agency's recognition after review of a compliance report must relate to the issues raised in the compliance report and the criteria for recognition cited in the Secretary's letter that requested the report. Comments about the renewal of an agency's recognition based on a review of the agency's petition must relate to its compliance with the Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, or the Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, as appropriate, which are available at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. Third parties having concerns about agencies regarding matters outside the scope of a compliance report or a petition should report those concerns directly to the Department to be reviewed as a complaint. Only material submitted by the deadline to the email address listed in this notice, and in accordance with these instructions, become part of the official record concerning agencies scheduled for review and are considered by the Department and NACIQI in their deliberations. Please do not send material directly to NACIQI members.

**Submission of requests to make an oral comment regarding a specific accrediting agency or state approval agency under review:** There are two methods the public may use to make a third-party oral comment of three minutes concerning one of the agencies scheduled for review at the December 11, 2014 meeting. Oral comments about agencies seeking renewal of recognition must relate to the Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, or the Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, as appropriate, which are available at: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>.

**Method One:** Submit a request by email to the [ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov](mailto:ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov) mailbox. Please do not send material directly to NACIQI members. Requests must be received by September 22, 2014, and include the subject line "Oral Comment Request: (agency name)." The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, telephone number, of the person(s) requesting to

speak, and a brief summary (not to exceed one page) of the principal points to be made during the oral presentation. All individuals submitting an advance request in accordance with this notice will be afforded an opportunity to speak.

**Method Two:** Register at the meeting location on December 11, 2014, to make an oral comment during NACIQI's deliberations concerning a particular agency or institution scheduled for review. The requestor must provide his or her name, title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number. A total of up to fifteen minutes during each agency review will be allotted for oral commenters who register on December 11, 2014. Individuals will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If selected, each commenter may not exceed three minutes.

The oral comments made will become part of the official record and will be considered by the Department and NACIQI in their deliberations. No individual in attendance or making oral presentations may distribute written materials at the meeting.

**Submission of written comments regarding the committee's policy recommendations:** The Committee will publish its draft policy recommendations at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/naciqi.html#meetings> by October 15, 2014, and invites written comments. Comments must be received by November 15, 2014, in the [ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov](mailto:ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov) mailbox and include the subject line "Written Comments: Policy Recommendations". The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number, of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to an electronic mail message (email) or provided in the body of an email message. Please do not send material directly to the NACIQI members.

**Access to Records of the Meeting:** The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the NACIQI Web site 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to the FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 1990 K Street NW., Washington, DC, by emailing [aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov](mailto:aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov) or by calling (202) 219-7067 to schedule an appointment.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an

auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

**Electronic Access to this Document:** The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free Internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: [www.gpo.gov/fdsys](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys). At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

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

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended 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 collection of information, 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 collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 27, 2014. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to: Eva Auman, GC-63, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585; Fax: 202-586-0971; or email at: [eva.auman@hq.doe.gov](mailto: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 Auman, GC-63, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585; Fax: 202-586-0971; or email at: [eva.auman@hq.doe.gov](mailto:eva.auman@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. 1910-5165; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Davis-Bacon Semi-Annual Labor Compliance Report; (3) Type of Request: three-year extension with minor change to reflect the end of Recovery Act grant database; (4) Purpose: To obtain information from the Department of Energy Management and Operation, Facilities Management Contractors, and recipients of financial assistance whose work is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 100; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 100; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 200; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.00 annually.

**Statutory Authority:** 29 CFR Part 5, Section 5.7(b).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-400]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Conduct Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of Floodplains and Wetlands Involvement; New England Clean Power Link Project

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts from its proposed federal action of granting a Presidential permit to Champlain VT, LLC, doing business as TDI-New England (TDI-NE; the Applicant), to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission line across the U.S.-Canada border in northern Vermont. The *New England Clean Power Link Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0503) will address potential environmental impacts from the proposed action and reasonable alternatives.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)—New England District, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Region 1 (New England), and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. The purpose of this Notice of Intent (NOI) is to inform the public about the proposed action, announce public scoping meetings, and solicit public comments regarding the scope of the EIS. Because the proposed project would involve actions in floodplains and wetlands, in accordance with DOE regulations, the EIS will include a floodplain and wetland assessment.

**DATES:** The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until October 10, 2014. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and DOE will consider all comments submitted or postmarked by October 10, 2014 in defining the scope of this EIS. Comments submitted or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Two public scoping meetings will be held as follows:

1. *Burlington, VT:* Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center, 870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05403, Tuesday, September 16, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m.
2. *Rutland, VT:* Holiday Inn Rutland, 476 Holiday Drive, Rutland, VT 05701, Wednesday, September 17, 2014, starting at 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the scope of the EIS and requests to be added to the document mailing list should be addressed to: Brian Mills, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; by electronic mail to [Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov); or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Mills at the addresses above, or at 202-586-8267. For general information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54) at: U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; by electronic mail at [askNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:askNEPA@hq.doe.gov); by facsimile at 202-586-7031; by phone at 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

For information on the USACE's role as a cooperating agency and its permit process, contact Michael S. Adams by electronic mail at [Michael.S.Adams@usace.army.mil](mailto:Michael.S.Adams@usace.army.mil); by phone at 978-318-8485; or by mail at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 11 Lincoln Street, Room 210, Essex Junction, VT 05452.

For information on the EPA's role as a cooperating agency, contact Timothy Timmermann by electronic mail at [Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov](mailto:Timmermann.Timothy@epa.gov); by phone at 617-918-1025; or by mail at 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (Mail code: ORA-17-1), Boston, MA 02109-3912.

For information on the USCG's role as a cooperating agency, contact Daniel Hubbard by electronic mail at [daniel.l.hubbard@uscg.mil](mailto:daniel.l.hubbard@uscg.mil); or by phone at 617-223-8372; or by mail at Maritime Energy & Marine Spatial Planning, First Coast Guard District (dpw-3), 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02110.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038, requires that a Presidential permit be issued by DOE before electric transmission facilities may be constructed, operated, maintained, or connected at the U.S. international border. The E.O. provides that a Presidential permit may be issued after a finding that the proposed project is consistent with the public interest and after favorable recommendations from the U.S. Departments of State and Defense. In determining consistency with the public interest, DOE considers the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act