

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: Consolidated State Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1810–0576.

Type of Review: A revision to an existing information collection.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 52.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 108,155.

Abstract: Section 8302 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), permits each SEA, in consultation with the Governor, to apply for program funds through submission of a consolidated State plan or a consolidated State application (in lieu of individual program State plans). The purpose of consolidated State plans as defined in ESEA is to improve teaching and learning by encouraging greater cross-program coordination, planning, and service delivery; to enhance program integration; and to provide greater flexibility and less burden for State educational agencies.

Additional Information: This is a request for an emergency clearance to enable Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) to collect critical information for the Consolidated State Plan, the instrument through which State educational agencies (SEAs) apply for funding under the following programs:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)
 Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies
 Title I, Part B, Section 1201 Grants for State Assessments and Related Activities
 Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children
 Title I, Part D Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk
 Title II, Part A Supporting Effective Instruction
 Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
 Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
 Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income School Program
 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987

Title VII, Subtitle B Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program

On December 10, 2015, the programs above were reauthorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). On November 29, 2016, the Department received information collection clearance approval for a Consolidated State Plan aligned to the Notice of Final Regulations for Accountability and State Plans published in the **Federal Register** at 81 FR 86076. Congress is currently considering a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) (5 U.S.C. 801–808) to overturn these regulations. If a resolution of disapproval is enacted, these regulations “shall have no force or effect.”

Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, the Department requests that OMB review this collection under its emergency procedures. This request for emergency clearance is based on two factors: (1) The joint resolution of disapproval under the CRA presents an unanticipated event beyond the Department’s control; and (2) further uncertainty of the requirements for submission of consolidated State plans would prevent States from implementing the new ESSA requirements in school year 2017–2018.

Section 8302 of the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA, permits each SEA, in consultation with the Governor, to apply for program funds through submission of a consolidated State plan (in lieu of individual program State plans). The purpose of Consolidated State Plans as defined in ESEA is to improve teaching and learning by encouraging greater cross-program coordination, planning, and service delivery; to enhance program integration; and to provide greater flexibility and less burden for SEAs. The Department will use the information from the Consolidated State Plan as the basis for approving funding under the included programs for the duration of the reauthorization. Failure to collect this information in a timely manner will bar the Department from receiving the comprehensive data and information that is necessary to fulfill its fiduciary and oversight responsibilities, and endanger the missions of the individual programs.

Dated: March 7, 2017.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer (OCPO), Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Waivers; Comprehensive Centers Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of waivers.

SUMMARY: The Secretary waives the requirements that generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. These waivers enable the 22 current grantees under the Comprehensive Centers program to continue to receive Federal funding for up to an additional 24 months through September 30, 2019.

DATES: These waivers are effective April 12, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the Comprehensive Centers program, the Department of Education (Department) supports grants to operate regional technical assistance centers and national content centers as authorized by sections 203 through 207 of the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002 (ETAA) (20 U.S.C. 9602–9606). The purpose of these centers is to provide technical assistance to States as States work to help local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools close achievement gaps in core content areas and raise student achievement in schools.

Eligible applicants for Comprehensive Center grants are research organizations, institutions, agencies, institutions of higher education, partnerships among these types of entities, or individuals with the demonstrated ability or capacity to carry out the activities described in the notice inviting applications published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2012 (77 FR 33564)

(2012 NIA) and corrected on August 15, 2012 (77 FR 48974). In FY 2012, the Department made five-year awards to 22 Comprehensive Centers. The project period for these Comprehensive Centers is currently scheduled to end on September 30, 2017.

On January 9, 2017, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 2335) (January 2017 notice) proposing waivers of the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250(a) and 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2) (proposed waivers). Respectively, these provisions generally prohibit project periods exceeding five years and project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. Waiving these provisions will enable the Secretary to provide additional funds to the 22 Comprehensive Center grantees for up to 24 months, from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2019. The January 2017 notice also invited public comment on the proposed waivers.

Public Comment

No parties submitted comments regarding the proposed waivers. There are no differences between the proposed and the final waivers.

Final Waivers

In the January 2017 notice, we discussed the background and purposes of the Comprehensive Centers program and our reasons for proposing the waivers. As outlined in that notice, it would not be in the public interest to hold a new competition under the Comprehensive Centers program until after the Department has finalized its guidance on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and until all the new statutory requirements under the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA, have gone into effect. One of the primary purposes of the Comprehensive Centers program is to help States, LEAs, and schools implement key school improvement provisions of the ESEA. Delaying the competition until after the Department and States have begun to implement the new provisions under the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA, would allow applicants to familiarize themselves with the new statutory requirements and submit proposals that will best serve States under the new law. In addition, it would be contrary to the public interest to have a lapse in Comprehensive Centers' services pending the implementation of new provisions of the ESSA. Implementing these waivers will ensure that the important services provided by the current Comprehensive Centers can

continue uninterrupted as States transition to the ESSA.

The Secretary waives the requirements in 34 CFR 75.250(a), which prohibit project periods exceeding five years, and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.261(c)(2), which limit the extension of a project period if the extension involves the obligation of additional Federal funds.

Under these waivers—

(1) Current grantees are authorized to receive continuation awards annually for up to two fiscal years.

(2) The Department will not announce a new competition or make new awards under the Comprehensive Centers program in FY 2017.

(3) During the extension period, any activities carried out must be consistent with, or be a logical extension of, the scope, goals, and objectives of the grantees' approved applications from the 2012 Comprehensive Centers competition.

(4) Each grantee that receives a continuation award must also continue to comply with the requirements established in the program regulations and the 2012 NIA (77 FR 33564).

The waivers of 34 CFR 75.250(a) and 75.261(c)(2) do not affect the applicability of the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253 (continuation of a multi-year project after the first budget period) to any current Comprehensive Centers grantee that receives a continuation award as a result of the waivers.

In addition, these waivers do not exempt current Comprehensive Centers grantees from the account-closing provisions in 31 U.S.C. 1552(a), nor do they extend the availability of funds previously awarded to current Comprehensive Centers grantees. Under 31 U.S.C. 1552(a), appropriated funds may be used for payment of valid obligations for only five years after the expiration of their period of availability for Federal obligation. After that time, the unexpended balance of those funds is canceled and returned to the U.S. Treasury Department and is unavailable for restoration for any purpose. These waivers do not change this requirement.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that these waivers will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The small entities that will be affected are:

(a) The FY 2012 grantees currently receiving Federal funds; and

(b) The entities that are eligible for an award under the Comprehensive Centers program (*i.e.*, eligible applicants as described in the 2012 NIA).

The Secretary certifies that the waivers will not have a significant economic impact on these entities because the waivers and the activities required to support the additional years of funding impose minimal compliance costs to extend projects already in existence, and the activities required to support the additional year of funding will not impose additional regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision. The waivers will impose minimal requirements to ensure the proper expenditure of program funds, including requirements that are standard for continuation awards.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

These waivers do not contain any information collection requirements.

Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of Federal financial assistance. This document provides notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 9602–9606. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.283B.

Dated: March 8, 2017.

Monique M. Chism,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ID-8122-000]

Shults, Emily C.; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on March 6, 2017, Emily C. Shults filed an application for authorization to hold interlocking positions, pursuant to section 305(b) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825d(b), and part 45 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR part 45.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 27, 2017.

Dated: March 7, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2225-021]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, Washington; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Type of Proceeding:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2225-021.

c. *Date Filed:* January 30, 2017.

d. *Licensee:* Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County, Washington.

e. *Name of Project:* Sullivan Lake Storage Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on Sullivan Creek near the town of Metaline Falls, Pend Oreille County, Washington. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service within the Colville National Forest.

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

h. *Licensee Contact:* Mr. Mark Cauchy, Director Regulatory and Environmental Affairs, Pend Oreille County Public Utility District, P.O. Box 190, Newport, WA 99156, (509) 447-9331.

i. *FERC Contact:* Ms. Rebecca Martin, (202) 502-6012, Rebecca.martin@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, interventions, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests and comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please

send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2225-021.

k. *Description of Request:* The licensee proposes to change its method for removing Mill Pond Dam that was approved by the Commission in its Order Accepting Surrender of License and Authorizing Disposition of Project Facilities issued March 20, 2013 (142 FERC ¶ 62,232). Instead of removing the dam by siphoning water out of Mill Pond and building a cofferdam licensee is proposing to demolish the dam without building a cofferdam to promote sediment outflow and facilitate sediment transport to the downstream reaches of Sullivan Creek.

l. This filing may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. If the document is unavailable using the general or advanced searches select the docket search option. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction in the Commission's Public Reference Room located at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .212 and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading