

opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how 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:* Study of Weighted Student Funding and School-Based Systems (Study Instruments).

*OMB Control Number:* 1875-NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

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

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,902.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 568.

*Abstract:* The purpose of this study is to investigate how districts vary in their implementation of weighted student funding (WSF) and school-based budgeting (SBB); outcomes in terms of levels of principal autonomy, transparency of resource allocation, and extent to which resources are distributed based on student needs; interactions of WSF and SBB systems with school choice policies; and challenges that districts may have faced in transitioning to and implementing these systems. Data collection will include: (a) Nationally representative surveys of districts and principals, and (b) case studies of nine districts that are implementing WSF systems, including site visits, in-person interviews with district officials and school staff, and analysis of relevant extant data such as descriptive documents, budgets, and audited expenditure files.

Dated: August 30, 2017.

**Kate Mullan,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Proposed Information Collection— 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act* of 1995, the EAC announces an information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. The EAC intends to submit this proposed information collection (2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey) to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey (Survey) asks election officials questions concerning voting and election administration. These questions request information concerning ballots cast; voter registration; overseas and military voting; Election Day activities; voting technology; and other important issues. The EAC issues the survey to meet its obligations under the Help America Vote Act to serve as national clearinghouse and resource for the compilation of information with respect to the administration of Federal elections; to fulfill both the EAC's and the Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Programs' (FVAP) quantitative State data collection requirements under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA); and meet its National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) mandate to collect information from states concerning the impact of that statute on the administration of Federal Elections.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST on November 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed information collection should be submitted electronically to [electiondaysurvey@eac.gov](mailto:electiondaysurvey@eac.gov). Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, *Attn:* Election Administration and Voting Survey.

*Obtaining a Copy of the Survey:* To obtain a free copy of the survey: (1) Email Sean Greene at the U.S. Election Assistance Commission at [sgreene@eac.gov](mailto:sgreene@eac.gov); or (2) write to the EAC (including your address and phone number) at U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, *Attn:* Election Administration and Voting Survey.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Sean Greene at 301-563-3919, or email [sgreene@eac.gov](mailto:sgreene@eac.gov), U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Comments:* Public 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; (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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Needs and Uses

The EAC issues the survey to meet its obligations under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to serve as national clearinghouse and resource for the compilation of information with respect to the administration of Federal elections; to fulfill both the EAC and FVAP's data collection requirements under the UOCAVA; and meet its NVRA mandate to collect information from states concerning the impact of that statute on the administration of Federal Elections. HAVA requires the EAC to serve as a national clearinghouse and resource for the compilation of information and review of procedures with respect to the administration of Federal Elections. This includes the obligation to study and report on election activities, practices, policies, and procedures, such as methods of voter registration, methods of conducting provisional voting, poll worker recruitment and training, and such other matters as the Commission determines are appropriate. In addition, under the NVRA, the EAC is responsible for collecting information and reporting, biennially, to the United States Congress on the impact of that statute. The information the States are required to submit to the EAC for purposes of the

NVRA report are found under Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations. States that respond to questions in this survey concerning voter registration related matters will meet their NVRA reporting requirements under 52 U.S.C. 20508 and EAC regulations. Finally, the UOCAVA mandates that the FVAP work with the EAC and State Chief Election officials to develop standards for reporting UOCAVA voting information (52 U.S.C. 20302) and that the FVAP will store the reported data and present the findings within the congressionally-mandated report to the President and Congress. Additionally, UOCAVA requires that “not later than 90 days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for Federal office, each State and unit of local government which administered the election shall (through the State, in the case of a unit of local government) submit a report to the EAC on the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the election and the combined number of such ballots which were returned by such voters and cast in the election, and shall make such a report available to the general public.” States that complete and timely submit the UOCAVA section of the survey to the EAC will fulfill their UOCAVA reporting requirement under 52 U.S.C. 20302. In order to fulfill the above requirements, the EAC is seeking information relating to the period from the Federal general election day 2016 +1 through the November 2018 Federal general election. The EAC will provide the data regarding UOCAVA voting to FVAP after data collection is completed. This data sharing reduces burden on local election offices because FVAP does not have to conduct its own data collection to meet its reporting requirements.

*Title and OMB Number:* 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey; OMB Number Pending.

*Summary of the Collection of Information:* The survey requests information on a state- and county-level (or township-, independent city-, borough-level, where applicable) concerning the following categories:

*Voter Registration Applications (From the Period of Federal General Election Day +1, 2016 Through Federal General Election Day, 2018)*

- (a) Total number of registered voters;
- (b) Number of active and inactive registered voters;
- (c) Number of persons who registered to vote on Election Day—only applicable to States with Election Day registration;

(d) Number of voter registration applications received from all sources;

(e) Number of voter registration applications that were duplicates, invalid or rejected, new, changes of name, address, party, and not categorized;

(f) Total number of removal/confirmation notices mailed to voters and the reason for removal;

(g) total number of voters removed from the registration list or moved to the inactive registration list.

*Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*

(a) Total number and type of registered and eligible UOCAVA voters;

(b) Total number of Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) received by type of voter;

(c) Total number of FPCAs rejected by type of voter;

(d) Total number of FPCAs rejected after the absentee ballot request deadline;

(e) Total number of UOCAVA absentee ballots transmitted by type of UOCAVA voter and mode of transmission;

(f) Total number of transmitted UOCAVA ballots returned by type of UOCAVA voter and mode of transmission;

(g) Total number of transmitted UOCAVA ballots counted by type of UOCAVA voter and mode of return;

(h) Total number of transmitted UOCAVA ballots rejected by type of UOCAVA voter and reason for rejection;

(i) Total number of FWABs received by type of voter;

(j) Total number of FWABs rejected by type of voter; and

(k) Total number of FWABs rejected by reason for rejection.

*Domestic Civilian By-Mail Voting*

(a) Total number of by-mail ballots transmitted to voters;

(b) Total number of ballots returned by voters;

(c) Total number of ballots counted; and

(d) Total number of ballots rejected, by reason for rejection.

*Total Votes Cast and In-Person Voting*

(a) Total number of votes cast in the election, as well as in-person on Election Day and during in-person early voting;

(b) Total number of precincts in the state/jurisdiction;

(c) Number of polling places available for early and Election Day voting in the November 2018 Federal general election;

(d) Number of poll workers used during early voting and during Election Day voting;

(e) The age of poll workers who worked in the election; and

(f) Extent to which jurisdictions had enough poll workers available for the general election.

*Provisional Voting*

(a) Number of provisional ballots cast, counted, and rejected; and

(b) Reasons for provisional ballot rejection.

*Election Technologies*

(a) Use of electronic and printed poll books during the 2018 Federal general election; and

(b) Type and number of voting equipment used for the 2018 Federal general election for precinct, absentee, early vote site, accessible to disabled voters, provisional voting.

*Statutory Overview (2018 Federal General Election)*

(a) Who answers the questions in each section of the EAVS;

(b) Description of the state’s voter registration database system;

(c) Description of the types of electronic data connections the state has with various other government entities;

(d) Information on whether the state has online voter registration, automatic voter registration, and same day voter registration;

(e) Type of absentee voting and early voting regime the state has;

(f) Information on whether the state has vote centers;

(g) If the state accepts provisional ballots from voters registered in a different precinct;

(h) The type of election audit regime the state has;

(i) The type of voter identification regime the state has; and

(j) The voting eligibility requirements for individuals who have been convicted of a felony.

*Affected Public (Respondents):* State or local governments, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands.

*Affected Public:* State or local government.

*Number of Respondents:* 55.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Burden per Response:* 150 hours per collection, 75 hours annualized.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8,250 hours per collection, 4,125 hours annualized.

Frequency: Biennially.

**Bryan Whitener,**

Director of National Clearinghouse on  
Elections, U.S. Election Assistance  
Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

*Filings Instituting Proceedings*

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-977-000.

*Applicants:* Kinetica Energy Express, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Tariff Revision Filing to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/25/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170825-5081.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/6/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-978-000.

*Applicants:* Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Negotiated Rate—Duke Energy Florida—contract 850002 to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/25/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170825-5121.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/6/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-979-000.

*Applicants:* Millennium Pipeline Company, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Negotiated Rate Service Agmt—City of Norwich to be effective 11/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 8/25/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170825-5233.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/6/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For

other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 28, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.**

Deputy Secretary

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-980-000.

*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; 20170828 Interim UAF to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/28/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170828-5158.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-981-000.

*Applicants:* Northwest Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; NWP 2017 Winter Fuel Filing to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/29/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170829-5037.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and § 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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Dated: August 30, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.**

Deputy Secretary

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG17-146-000.

*Applicants:* Thunder Ranch Wind Project, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Thunder Ranch Wind Project, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 8/30/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170830-5064.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* EG17-147-000.

*Applicants:* Scott-II Solar LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Scott-II Solar LLC.

*Filed Date:* 8/30/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170830-5108.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/20/17.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-2375-000.

*Applicants:* GenOn Holdco 8, LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing; Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization and Request for Waivers to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/30/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170830-5001.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-2376-000.

*Applicants:* GenOn Holdco 9, LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing; Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization and Request for Waivers to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/30/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170830-5002.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-2377-000.

*Applicants:* GenOn Holdco 10, LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing; Application for Market-Based Rate Authorization and Request for Waivers to be effective 10/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/30/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170830-5003.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-2378-000.

*Applicants:* Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing; Filing of a Letter Agreement to be effective 8/31/2017.

*Filed Date:* 8/30/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170830-5061.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 9/20/17.

*Docket Numbers:* ER17-2379-000.