

Dated: November 2, 2017.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF592

Marine Mammals; File No. 21158

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Robert Garrott, Ph.D., Montana State University, 310 Lewis Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717, has applied in due form for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 21158 for research on Weddell seals (*Leptoncychores weddellii*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 8, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21158 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Sara Young, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 21158 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 21158, issued on September 25, 2017, (82 FR 48985), authorizes the permit holder to conduct long-term studies of the Erebus Bay, Antarctica, Weddell seal population to evaluate how temporal variation in the marine environment affects individual life histories and the population dynamics of long-lived mammal. The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to increase the number of seal pups authorized to be flipper tagged from a total of 675 (take table lines 1 [n=515], 2 [n=10], and 3 [n=150]) to a total take of 800 pups, by increasing the number of takes in line 1 from 515 to 640. This field season the research team has observed an abnormally high number of pups and current take numbers are not be adequate to meet the stated scientific goals of tagging all pups produced in the Erebus Bay colonies each year.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

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Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB-2017-0032]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Consumer

Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting to renew the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing information collection, titled "Financial Coaching Program for Veterans and Low-income Consumers."

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before January 8, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.regulations.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9575, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. *Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Financial Coaching Program for Veterans and Low-income Consumers.

OMB Control Number: 3170-0051.

Type of Review: Extension with change of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,600.

Abstract: In early 2015, the Bureau launched a Financial Coaching project to provide direct financial coaching services to transitioning veterans and economically vulnerable consumers nationwide. In order for the Bureau to

understand whether the program is effective and for the financial coaches to be able to deliver efficient services and track clients over time, the Bureau will need to take steps to monitor program performance and to evaluate the program. This includes collecting administrative data about clients for programmatic purposes. The information will be collected from the coaches and include a combination of personal information (basic contact and demographic information), performance metrics (outputs), client-level outcomes (progress towards financial goals or other relevant outcomes) and programmatic and organizational outcomes.

The initial information collection request for the administrative data collected by coaches from financial coaching clients for programmatic and performance monitoring purposes was approved in 2015 and expires on February 28, 2018. The Financial Coaching project has received funding and has now been extended through 2019. As a result, this is a request for an extension for administrative data collection. In addition, this information request includes a modification, adding five questions to the administrative data collection. The five questions are part of the Financial Well-being Survey, which received approval under OMB Control Number 3170-0063 in order to measure the level of financial well-being of American adults and key sub-populations. This will help us understand the progress clients are making and is also in line with the Bureau's overall efforts to be more consistent in the information we are collecting.

Request for Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the 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. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 2, 2017.

Darrin A. King,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

- Docket Numbers:* ER17-2246-001.
Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
Description: Compliance filing: 2017-11-02_Combpliance filing-implementation of regional cost allocation for TMEP to be effective 10/4/2017.
Filed Date: 11/2/17.
Accession Number: 20171102-5160.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.
Docket Numbers: ER17-2400-002.
Applicants: SP Butler Solar, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: SP Butler Solar MBR Tariff Amendment Filing to be effective 9/1/2017.
Filed Date: 11/2/17.
Accession Number: 20171102-5204.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.
Docket Numbers: ER17-2401-002.
Applicants: SP Decatur Parkway Solar, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: SP Decatur Parkway Solar MBR Tariff Amendment Filing to be effective 9/1/2017.
Filed Date: 11/2/17.
Accession Number: 20171102-5205.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.
Docket Numbers: ER17-2403-002.
Applicants: SP Pawpaw Solar, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: SP Pawpaw Solar MBR Tariff Amendment Filing to be effective 9/1/2017.
Filed Date: 11/2/17.
Accession Number: 20171102-5206.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.
Docket Numbers: ER17-2404-002.
Applicants: SP Sandhills Solar, LLC.
Description: Tariff Amendment: SP Sandhills Solar MBR Tariff Amendment Filing to be effective 9/1/2017.
Filed Date: 11/2/17.
Accession Number: 20171102-5207.
Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.
Docket Numbers: ER18-230-000.
Applicants: Gilroy Energy Center, LLC.
Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Gilroy RMR Agreement Filing to be effective 1/1/2018.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5142.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-231-000.

Applicants: American Transmission Systems, Incorporated, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: ATSI submits Engineering and Construction Services Agreement SA No. 4714 to be effective 1/2/2018.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5146.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-232-000.

Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Tariff Clean-Up Filing to Remove Rejected Tariff Language to be effective 7/15/2017.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5162.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-233-000.

Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: AEP TX-LCRA Interconnection Agreement Second Amend & Restated to be effective 10/3/2017.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5210.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-234-000.

Applicants: GSP Newington LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Newington MBR Filing to be effective 12/28/2017.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5234.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-235-000.

Applicants: AEP Texas Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: AEP TX-Bruening's Breeze Wind Interconnection Agreement Second Amend & Restated to be effective 10/12/2017.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5236.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-236-000.

Applicants: GSP Merrimack LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: Merrimack MBR Filing to be effective 12/28/2017.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5237.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.

Docket Numbers: ER18-237-000.

Applicants: GSP White Lake LLC.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: White Lake MBR Filing to be effective 12/28/2017.

Filed Date: 11/2/17.

Accession Number: 20171102-5240.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/24/17.