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**Betsy DeVos,**

*Secretary of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2018–ICCD–0134]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; FSA Payment Vehicle Account (PVA) Program Pilot Institutions

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 25, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2018–ICCD–0134. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an 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:** FSA Payment Vehicle Account (PVA) Program Pilot Institutions.

**OMB Control Number:** 1845–NEW.

**Type of Review:** A new information collection.

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

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 40.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 1,250.

**Abstract:** This is a request for clearance of a new information collection to be used to obtain information from institutions of higher education (IHEs) that participate in the student financial assistance programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information collection will be used to invite IHEs to complete an application questionnaire to participate in Federal Student Aid's (FSA) Next Generation Financial Services Environment—Payment Vehicle Account (PVA) program pilot as well as a follow-on questionnaire used to ask pilot progress questions to gauge early pilot progress. We are requesting that the full clearance package be filed and that the 60 day public comment period be initiated at this time.

Dated: December 18, 2018.

**Kate Mullan,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Falcon and Amistad Projects' Rate Order No. WAPA–186

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed extension for the Falcon and Amistad Projects' firm power rate formula.

**SUMMARY:** WAPA proposes extending the Falcon and Amistad Projects' firm power rate formula through June 7, 2024. The Falcon and Amistad Projects' firm power rate formula expires June 7, 2019.

**DATES:** The comment period will begin December 26, 2018 and end January 25, 2019. WAPA will accept written comments any time during the comment period. Upon completion of the comment period, WAPA will take further action on the proposed rate formula extension consistent with 10 CFR 903.23(a).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the rates submitted by WAPA to FERC for approval should be sent to: Mr. Brent Osiek, Power Marketing Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 299 South Main Street, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, (801) 524–5495, email: [osiek@wapa.gov](mailto:osiek@wapa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Thomas Hackett, Rates Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 299 South Main Street, Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, (801) 524–5503, email: [hackett@wapa.gov](mailto:hackett@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Falcon and Amistad Dams are features of international water storage projects located on the Rio Grande River between Texas and Mexico. The portion of the dams located in the United States is operated by the United States International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC). Under arrangements with the United States Department of State and USIBWC,

WAPA is the Federal agency responsible for marketing and selling the electricity generated at these facilities. WAPA markets the power generated at Falcon and Amistad as a combined product to only one customer—the South Texas Electric Cooperative. The cost of the power is determined by a power rate formula. This power rate formula was initially approved by the Federal Power Commission (FPC), the predecessor to FERC, in FPC Docket No. E-9566 on August 12, 1977 (59 FPC 1653), for a 5-year period effective on the date of initial operation of Amistad Power Plant, June 8, 1983.<sup>1</sup>

The power rate formula calculates the revenue WAPA must annually repay to the Department of the Treasury for the United States' investment in the Falcon and Amistad hydroelectric facilities with interest, as well as associated operation, maintenance, and administrative costs. This annual installment is collected in 12 monthly payments and is independent of the amount of available generation. The existing rate formula provides sufficient revenue to recover annual expenses, interest, and capital replacements, within the cost recovery criteria set forth in Department of Energy (DOE) Order RA 6120.2; therefore, WAPA proposes to extend the current rate formula schedule for 5 years.

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to WAPA's Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve on a final basis, remand, or disapprove such rates to FERC. This extension is issued pursuant to the Delegation Order and DOE rate extension procedures at 10 CFR 903.23(a).

In accordance with 10 CFR 903.23(a)(2), WAPA determined that it is not necessary to hold a public information or public comment forum, but WAPA is providing a 30-day comment period on the proposed formula rate extension to allow for public participation. Comments must be received by the end of the comment period. WAPA will post comments received to its website: <https://>

<sup>1</sup> A 5-year rate extension of this same power formula rate through June 7, 1993, was approved by FERC on June 20, 1988, at 44 FERC ¶ 62,058. Subsequent 5-year extensions of the formula rate have been approved by FERC; the most recent approval was on April 9, 2015, in Docket No. EF14-9-000, which approved the same formula rate through June 7, 2019.

[www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/rates/Pages/rates.aspx](http://www.wapa.gov/regions/CRSP/rates/Pages/rates.aspx). After considering public comments, WAPA will take further action on the proposed rate formula extension consistent with 10 CFR 903.23(a).

Dated: December 13, 2018.

**Mark A. Gabriel,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0671; FRL-9987-10]

### Pesticide Experimental Use Permit; Receipt of Application; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's receipt of application 73049-EUP-RN from Valent BioSciences LLC, requesting an experimental use permit (EUP) for aminoethoxyvinylglycine. EPA has determined that the permit may be of regional or national significance. Therefore, because of the potential significance, EPA is seeking comments on this application.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 25, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket Identification (ID) Number EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0671, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert McNally, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P), Office of Pesticide Programs,

Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: [BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov](mailto:BPPDFRNotices@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. Although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who conduct or sponsor research on pesticides, EPA has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

##### B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

3. *Environmental justice.* EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, EPA seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

#### II. What action is the agency taking?

Under section 5 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. 136c, EPA can