

include a new 404(b)1 evaluation under the Clean Water Act.

3. *Alternatives.* The 2007 FSEIS evaluated a broad array of alternatives, including the No-Action alternative, nonstructural alternatives, structural alternatives, and combinations of structural and nonstructural alternatives. Reformulation will not be included in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement will focus primarily on updating the 2007 FSEIS where necessary and incorporating the new, previously unavailable, scientific data to analyze the Proposed Action and compare it to the 2007 FSEIS.

4. *Scoping.* USACE conducted extensive scoping for the 2007 FSEIS so scoping will be comparatively limited and there will not be any additional public scoping meetings. However, the public is invited to provide scoping comments at the project email address: YazooBackwater@usace.army.mil (or via post mail). Please provide comments by June 15, 2020. Potential participating local, state, and Federal agencies and affected Indian tribes that have an interest in the area are being contacted. The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to provide public notice on the Vicksburg District's intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement based on new data. The Supplement will also provide further information on the humanitarian and ecological damage caused by backwater flooding in the Yazoo Backwater Area, and analyze how the Proposed Action will lessen those impacts.

5. *Public Meeting:* During the COVID-19 public health emergency, USACE must consider the health and safety of employees, federal, state, and local stakeholders, and the general public. It is anticipated that a virtual public meeting will be held in conjunction with publishing the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for public comment, which is planned for October 2020. The exact date, time, and location of the public meeting will be publicly announced in advance by USACE on the Project website and by any other means deemed appropriate. The public meeting will be streamed via live video through official USACE social media channels, which will allow USACE to present information to a larger audience, and to receive additional comments. Notices of the public meeting will be sent by USACE through email distribution lists; posted on the Project website and official USACE social media channels; and mailed to public libraries, government agencies, and interested groups and

individuals. The public meeting date will also be advertised in local newspapers. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments in accordance with established timeframes.

6. *Potentially Significant Issues.* The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement will provide updated data and analyses on the following resources: bottomland hardwoods, wetlands, endangered species, waterfowl, fisheries, water quality, downstream effects, cultural resources, environmental justice, recreation, and more. Wetlands, downstream effects, aquatics and environmental justice are discussed briefly below.

Wetlands: Wetlands impacts were a substantial source of concern among commenters and the primary reason for the EPA 404(c) veto in 2008. The 2019 flood demonstrated that prolonged flooding can result in significant adverse effects to wildlife populations and natural habitats associated with wetland areas. Unlike typical river flooding, backwater floods in the Yazoo Backwater Area consist of trapped water, typically loaded with agricultural runoff and organic matter from forested areas. The backwater pool rises and falls slowly and remains stagnant for long periods of time. The extended duration and magnitude of the 2019 flood contributed to the degradation of aquatic habitats resulting from poor water quality conditions created by the flooding.

Downstream Effects: Recent studies have shown that the downstream impacts will be insignificant because the total load of nutrients and organic carbon that will be exported downstream would not be altered as a result of pump operations. The additional water from 14,000 cfs pumps, operating at full capacity, is less than 1% of the Mississippi River highwater flow, representing a nearly immeasurable contribution to the outflow at the Vicksburg Gage. The additional flow would only increase the water surface at the Vicksburg Gage by less than a tenth of one foot, which has no appreciable effect to downstream flooding.

Aquatics: New data shows severe hypoxia occurs during major backwater flood events and this hypoxia negatively affects fish species and other aquatic organisms. Flood-induced hypoxia during the spring and early summer likely impacts successful spawning and rearing regardless of aquatic habitats. The juvenile and adult life stages that do survive through the flood season are faced with extreme low flows during the fall. The Supplemental Environmental

Impact Statement will analyze environmental and adaptive management plans to reduce the spatial extent and duration of hypoxia and improve environmental flows, particularly during the fall season.

Environmental Justice: Backwater flooding causes severe economic damages to all populations in the Yazoo Backwater Area by destroying homes, farmland, and wildlife resources; the harm was especially severe in 2019. As this Notice is published, the Yazoo Backwater is again experiencing another significant flood. In February of 2020 the water peaked only 2 feet lower than in 2019. After dropping slightly in March, the Yazoo Backwater is expected to peak again at least 96 ft. NGVD, flooding over 450,000 acres of land.

7. *Availability.* The schedule for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement anticipates the release of the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement by USACE for public review and comment in October 2020. After it is published, as described above, USACE will hold a virtual public comment meeting to present the results of studies, to receive comments and to address questions concerning the proposed action.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0024]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular

information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

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: Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0017.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,976.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 29,880.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information serves as a precursor to the U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524 B) in which project objectives, measures, and targets will be entered by applicants at the time that grant applications are entered in *Grants.gov*.

The Grant Application Form for Project Objectives and Performance Measures Information form and instructions are used by many ED discretionary grant programs to enable grantees to meet ED deadline dates for submission of performance reports to the Department.

Dated: April 13, 2020.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Public Hearing: Election Response to COVID-19 Administering Elections During the Coronavirus Crisis

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Sunshine Act Notice; Notice of Public Hearing Agenda.

DATES: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Virtual via Zoom. The hearing is open to the public and will be available through Zoom. Call-in information will be available at <https://www.eac.gov> and a recording will be available on the EAC website at a later date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94-409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a virtual hearing to discuss issues facing state and local election officials regarding elections and the COVID-19 pandemic, including considerations regarding the expansion of voting by mail and absentee voting.

Agenda: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will host a virtual hearing to discuss the administration of federal elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this hearing, EAC Commissioners will hear panelists present on major considerations for expanding vote by mail options for the remaining primaries and the general election and considerations for in-person voting. Panelists will include state and local election officials, and other representatives from the elections administration field. Other considerations such as accessibility for voters with disabilities and ensuring secure elections will also be discussed.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

Status: This hearing will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897-9285, Email: kmuthig@eac.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[DOE Docket No. PP-362-1]

Application To Rescind Presidential Permit; Application for Presidential Permit; Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. and CHPE, LLC

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPEI) and CHPE, LLC (together, the Applicants) have filed a joint application to voluntarily transfer ownership of the facilities owned by CHPEI and authorized for cross-border electric power transmission by Presidential Permit No. PP-362, to CHPE, LLC. The application requests that the Department of Energy (DOE) rescind the Presidential permit held by CHPEI and simultaneously issue a permit to CHPE, LLC covering the same international transmission facilities.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before May 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments or motions to intervene should be addressed to Christopher Lawrence, Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260 or by email to Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov, or Christopher Drake (Attorney-Adviser) at 202-586-2919 or by email to Christopher.Drake@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On April 6, 2020, the Applicants filed an application with the Office of