

response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* HBCU Scholar Recognition Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 1894-0016.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 202.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 707.

*Abstract:* This program was designed to recognize current HBCU students for their dedication to academics, leadership, and civic engagement. Nominees were asked to submit a nomination package containing a signed nomination form, unofficial transcripts, short essay, resume, and endorsement letter. Items in this package provide the tools necessary to select current HBCU students who are excelling academically and making differences in their community.

Dated: November 6, 2023.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of National Transmission Needs Study

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of availability of the final “National Transmission Needs Study” (Needs Study) pursuant to the Federal Power Act, which requires DOE to conduct a study of electric transmission capacity constraints and congestion every three years. The Needs Study will inform the potential exercise of DOE’s National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation authority and the use of other DOE authorities and funding related to electric transmission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Adria Brooks, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, via (202) 586-2006; or [transmission@hq.doe.gov](mailto:transmission@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE’s Grid Deployment Office (GDO) is announcing the availability of the

“National Transmission Needs Study” (Needs Study). Section 216(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as recently amended by section 40105 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), requires DOE to conduct a study of historic and anticipated future electric transmission capacity constraints and congestion every three years. The Needs Study implements that statutory provision and replaces what was formerly known as the National Electric Transmission Congestion Study.

Pursuant to section 216(a)(1), DOE has consulted with states, Tribes, and appropriate regional reliability entities regarding the Needs Study, including by providing a consultation draft in October 2022 for review and comment by these entities, holding a series of six audience-specific webinars following release of the consultation draft, and making available DOE staff for phone calls and meetings. On March 6, 2023, a draft Needs Study was made available for public comment. The draft Needs Study included revisions made in response to comments and input that DOE received from states, Tribes, and regional reliability entities. The final Needs Study incorporates feedback received during the public comment period held between March 6 and April 20, 2023.

Pursuant to section 216(a)(2) of the FPA, the study would inform any decision to exercise DOE’s National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation authority. The Needs Study will also inform DOE as it coordinates the use of other authorities and funding related to electric transmission. These include new authorities under the IIJA and existing DOE programs, such as grid-related research and development and financing authorities that support grid infrastructure development. Members of the public can visit GDO’s website to access the Needs Study at: [www.energy.gov/gdo/national-transmission-needs-study](http://www.energy.gov/gdo/national-transmission-needs-study).

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 3, 2023, by Maria D. Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. The

administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 7, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a virtual meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Information to participate can be found on the website closer to the meeting date at <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac/Meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kerry Hochberger; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-7661 or Email: [kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov](mailto:kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of this Committee is to make recommendations to DOE-SC concerning the basic energy sciences research program.

### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of the Agenda
- Updates on 2023 BESAC Charges
- Update from the Office of Science
- Update from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences
- Panel Discussion: *Science Opportunities with the Upgraded LCLS*
- Accelerator Instrumentation BRN
- Distinguished Scientist Presentation
- 2023 Committee of Visitors Reports
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Breaks taken as appropriate.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. A webcast of this

meeting will be available. Please check the website below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Kerry Hochberger at [kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov](mailto:kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov). You must request an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule. Information about the committee can be found at: <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac>.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for review on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Basic Science Sciences website at: <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac/Meetings>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 7, 2023.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of a modified system of records.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-108 and A-130, the Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is publishing notice of a modification to an existing Privacy Act System of Records. DOE proposes to amend System of Records DOE-66 Power Sales to Individuals. This System of Records Notice (SORN) is being modified to align with new formatting requirements, published by the Office of Management and Budget, and to ensure appropriate Privacy Act coverage of business processes and Privacy Act information. While there are no substantive changes to the "Categories of Individuals" or "Categories of Records" sections covered by this SORN, substantive changes have been made to the "System Locations," "Routine Uses," and "Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards" sections to provide greater transparency.

Changes to "Routine Uses" include new provisions related to responding to breaches of information held under a Privacy Act SORN as required by OMB's Memorandum M-17-12, "Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information" (January 3, 2017). Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

**DATES:** This modified SORN will become applicable following the end of the public comment period on December 13, 2023 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 and to Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H-085, Washington, DC 20585 or by facsimile at (202) 586-8151 or by email at [privacy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:privacy@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H-085, Washington, DC 20585 or by facsimile at (202) 586-8151 or by email at [privacy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:privacy@hq.doe.gov), telephone: (240) 686-9485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 9, 2009, DOE published a Compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records, which included system of records DOE-66 Power Sales to Individuals. This notice proposes amendments to the "System Locations" section of that system of records by removing the following system location where DOE-66 is no longer applicable: U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Colorado River Storage Project, 257 E200S, Suite 475, Salt Lake City, UT 84111. In the "Routine Uses" section, this modified notice deletes a previous routine use concerning efforts responding to a suspected or confirmed loss of confidentiality of information as it appears in DOE's compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records (January 9, 2009) and replaces it with one to assist DOE with responding to a suspected or confirmed breach of its records of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), modeled with language from OMB's Memorandum M-17-12, "Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information" (January 3, 2017). Further, this notice adds one new routine use to

ensure that DOE may assist another agency or entity in responding to the other agency's or entity's confirmed or suspected breach of PII, as appropriate, as aligned with OMB's Memorandum M-17-12. Additionally, the routine use formerly listed as number three has been removed, as it was determined to be duplicative. The routine use formerly covered by number three is currently covered by number three in the current version. An administrative change required by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 extends the length of time a requestor is permitted to file an appeal under the Privacy Act from 30 to 90 days. Both the "System Locations" and "Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards" sections have been modified to reflect the Department's usage of cloud-based services for records storage. Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

**SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:**

DOE-66 Power Sales to Individuals.

**SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:**

Unclassified.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Systems leveraging this SORN may exist in multiple locations. All systems storing records in a cloud-based server are required to use government-approved cloud services and follow National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) security and privacy standards for access and data retention. Records maintained in a government-approved cloud server are accessed through secure data centers in the continental United States.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Headquarters, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228-8213.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Colorado River Storage Project, 1800 South Rio Grande Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Desert Southwest Region, 615 S 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Rocky Mountain Region, 5555 E Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538-8986.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, Upper Great Plains Region, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266.