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**Adam Schott,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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**ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program Anomaly Reporting Forms**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information

collection of one Election Supporting Technology Evaluation form. The information collected is to be used to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections, and to collect necessary key information on election-supporting technology anomalies. Participation in this program is voluntary.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern June 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed form should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID: EAC-2024-0001).

Written comments on the proposed information collection can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenniffer Day, Election Technology Specialist, Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program, Washington, DC (202)-578-6641. Email: [ESTEP@eac.gov](mailto:ESTEP@eac.gov).

All requests and submissions should be identified by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title and OMB Number:* Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Anomaly Reporting Forms; OMB Number Pending. 89 FR 18403 (Page 18403-18404, Document Number 2024-05302).

**Purpose**

In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, EAC is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection described. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment from all interested individuals and organizations.

The EAC Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program evaluates the security and accessibility of election-supporting technologies, including electronic poll books, voter registration systems, electronic ballot delivery systems, and election night reporting databases.

The program is to publish two forms. These forms are to be used to collect initial anomaly information and anomaly root cause analysis as reported by election officials and election-supporting technology manufacturers. The information collected will be used to improve the quality of election-supporting technology used in federal elections.

**Public Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the EAC to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary and sufficient for the proper functions of the Election Supporting Technology Evaluation Program.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Respondents:* Election Supporting Technology Manufacturers, State and Local Election Officials.

**Annual Reporting Burden**

OMB approval is requested for 3 years.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

| Instrument                          | Estimated number of respondents | Total number of responses per year | Average burden hours per response | Annual burden hours |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| ESTEP Anomaly Reporting Form .....  | 5                               | 5                                  | 2                                 | 50                  |
| ESTEP Root Cause Anomaly Form ..... | 5                               | 5                                  | 16                                | 400                 |
| Total .....                         | .....                           | 10                                 | .....                             | 450                 |

The estimated cost of the annualized cost of this burden is: \$37,800.

**Camden Kelliher,**

Acting General Counsel, 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:* CP24-128-000.  
*Applicants:* Northern States Power Company—Minnesota.  
*Description:* Northern States Power Company—Minnesota submits Application for a Blanket Certificate of Limited Jurisdiction under Section 284.224 of the Commission’s Regulations.

*Filed Date:* 4/9/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240409-5231.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/21/24.

*Docket Numbers:* CP24-233-000.

*Applicants:* NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation.

*Description:* Application of NorthWestern Public Service Corporation for a Limited Jurisdiction Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

*Filed Date:* 4/25/24.

*Accession Number:* 20240425-5195.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/21/24.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission’s Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) 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.

The filings are accessible in the Commission’s eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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.

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Dated: May 7, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

Acting Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding,

to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. This filing may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

| Docket Nos.            | File date | Presenter or requester      |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Prohibited:            |           |                             |
| 1. ER24-1658-000 ..... | 4-30-2024 | FERC Staff. <sup>1</sup>    |
| 2. P-13123-002 .....   | 5-3-2024  | FERC Staff. <sup>2</sup>    |
| Exempt:                |           |                             |
| ER23-729-000 .....     | 5-2-2024  | U.S. Congress. <sup>3</sup> |
| EL23-19-000 .....      |           |                             |

<sup>1</sup> Emailed comments dated 4/17/24 from Matthew Laudone.

<sup>2</sup> Emailed comments dated 5/3/24 from Mark Carrington.

<sup>3</sup> Congressman John Sarbanes.