

for filing, and served it on the firm's clients, and the other who reviewed and redacted the document but failed to protect the other party's CBI.

Case 4. The Commission determined that an economic consultant breached the APO in a title VII investigation by making BPI available to unauthorized parties on three separate occasions.

The document that was the subject of all three breaches was a presentation slide prepared by the consultant's firm. The slide at issue contained unredacted BPI that revealed information in a chart about pricing data. The first breach occurred when copies of the slide were distributed during a meeting that included individuals who were not authorized under the APO to receive BPI. The second breach occurred at a second meeting, to additional unauthorized individuals who were not present at the first meeting. The third breach occurred at a public Commission hearing when the economic consulting firm displayed the slide in question on a large screen and distributed paper copies. At the conclusion of the presentation, a Commission employee approached the economic consultant to express concerns that the slide had exposed BPI. At the conclusion of the hearing, the economic consultant attempted to retrieve the paper copies from the recipients, which the Commission then collected.

In determining whether to issue a sanction for the breach, the Commission considered the following mitigating factors: (1) all three breaches were inadvertent and unintentional; (2) the breaching party took prompt action to remedy the third breach and prevent further dissemination of BPI; (3) the breaching party implemented new procedures to prevent against similar breaches in the future; and (4) the individual involved had not previously breached an APO in the two-year period preceding the dates of these breaches. The Commission also considered the following aggravating factors: (1) all three breaches resulted in the exposure of BPI to unauthorized individuals; (2) the breaching party violated the APO on three occasions; and (3) the breaching party did not discover the breaches.

The Commission issued a private letter of reprimand to the economic consultant responsible for creating, reviewing, and disseminating the slide to unauthorized individuals.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: December 17, 2024.

**Lisa Barton,**

Secretary to the Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

On December 17, 2024, the United States lodged a proposed Consent Decree and Environmental Settlement Agreement with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases filed by Vertex Energy, Inc., as Lead Debtor, and its Affiliated Debtors in the case captioned *In re Vertex Energy, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 24-90507-CML.

The proposed Consent Decree requires the Debtors, and after the effective date of the Debtors' plan of reorganization, the Reorganized Debtors, to retire over 18.7 million renewable identification number credits, currently estimated to cost approximately \$15 million, to satisfy the Debtors' 2023 and 2024 renewable volume obligations by March 31, 2025.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *In re Vertex Energy, Inc., et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-13141. All comments must be submitted no later than ten (10) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By email .....	<a href="mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov">pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov</a> .
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed by the United States in whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

During the public comment period, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. If you require assistance accessing the proposed Consent Decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

**Patricia McKenna,**

Deputy Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement with change of the "Contingent Work Supplement (CWS) to the Current Population Survey (CPS)" to be conducted in May 2025. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before February 21, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Erin Good, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, by email to [BLS\\_PRA\\_Public@bls.gov](mailto:BLS_PRA_Public@bls.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Good, BLS Clearance Officer, at 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll-free number). (See **ADDRESSES** section.)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The purpose of this request for review is for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to obtain clearance for a reinstatement with change for the Contingent Work Supplement (CWS) to the Current Population Survey (CPS), which was last conducted in July 2023. The proposed CWS questions focus on people with contingent jobs—those that people do not expect to last or that are temporary—and workers in alternative employment arrangements, such as independent contractors, on-call