

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: GEPA Section 427 Guidance for All Grant Applications.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0005.

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

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 13,497.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 20,219.

Abstract: On October 20, 1994, the Improving America's Schools Act, Public Law 103-382 (The Act), became law. The Act added a provision to the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). Section 427 of GEPA requires an applicant for assistance under Department programs to develop and describe in the grant application the steps it proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, its proposed project for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. The current GEPA Section 427 guidance for discretionary grant applications and formula grant applications has approval through April 30, 2020. The Department is requesting an extension of this approval.

Dated: December 2, 2019.

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

[FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG]

Change in Control; Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of change in control.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of a Notice of Change in Control (Notice) filed by Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd. (Pieridae US) in the above-referenced docket on November 6, 2019. The Notice describes changes in the ownership of Pieridae Energy Limited, Pieridae US's parent company.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention, as applicable, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, December 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by email: fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Regular Mail: U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, DC 20026-4375.

Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.): U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Benjamin Nussdorf or Amy Sweeney, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7893; (202) 586-2627, benjamin.nussdorf@hq.doe.gov, amy.sweeney@hq.doe.gov

Cassandra Bernstein or Kari Twaite, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76) Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9793; (202) 586-6978, cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov, kari.twaite@hq.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Change in Control

The Notice was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C.

717b. In the Notice, Pieridae US states that it is wholly-owned by Pieridae Energy Limited (Pieridae). Pieridae US states that, on or about October 16, 2019, Pieridae completed an equity offering. Pieridae's shares became listed on the TSX (Venture) Exchange on or about October 24, 2019.

As a consequence of the offering, Pieridae US states that: (i) Erikson National Energy Inc., a Canadian corporation, acquired beneficial ownership representing approximately 14.7% or more of Pieridae's issued and outstanding common shares; and (ii) Alberta Investment Management Corporation, a Canadian corporation, acquired beneficial ownership representing approximately 10.53% or more of Pieridae's issued and outstanding common shares.¹ Additional details can be found in Pieridae US's Notice, posted on the DOE/FE website at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2019/11/f68/Change%20in%20Control%20-%20Notification%20-%20FE%20Docket%20No.%2014-179-LNG%20%282019%29.pdf>.

DOE/FE Evaluation

DOE/FE will review Pieridae US's Notice in accordance with its Procedures for Changes in Control Affecting Applications and Authorizations to Import or Export Natural Gas (CIC Procedures).² Consistent with the CIC Procedures, this notice addresses only Pieridae US's final authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-free trade agreement (non-FTA) countries, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3768 (FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG). If no interested person protests the change in control and DOE takes no action on its own motion, the proposed change in control will be deemed granted 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. If one or more protests are submitted, DOE will review any motions to intervene, protests, and answers, and will issue a determination as to whether the proposed change in control has been demonstrated to render the underlying authorization inconsistent with the public interest.

¹ Pieridae US is advised that its described change in control may also require the approval of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). DOE expresses no opinion regarding the need for review by CFIUS. Additional information may be obtained at: <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/international/Pages/Committee-on-Foreign-Investment-in-US.aspx>.

² 79 FR 65541 (Nov. 5, 2014).

Public Comment Procedures

Interested persons will be provided 15 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in order to move to intervene, protest, and answer Pieridae US's Notice. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited in response to this notice only as to the change in control described in Pieridae US's Notice.³ All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by DOE's regulations in 10 CFR part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Preferred method: Emailing the filing to fergas@hq.doe.gov; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to the individual FE Docket Number(s) in the title line, or Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd. Change in Control in the title line. *Please Note:* If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

Pieridae US's Notice and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement docket room, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Notice and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 3, 2019.

Amy Sweeney,

Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Record of Decision for the Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing this Record of Decision (ROD) for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury to meet the federal government's statutory responsibility for long-term storage of the elemental mercury generated within the United States. This ROD is issued for the *Final Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0423; Final Elemental Mercury Storage EIS) and the *Final Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0423-S1; Final SEIS). In 2019 DOE prepared a *Supplement Analysis of the Final Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0423-SA-01) to determine if there have been substantial changes to the proposal or if there are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns as compared with those presented in the Final Elemental Mercury Storage EIS and Final SEIS. This ROD announces the DOE decision to store up to 6,800 metric tons (7,480 tons) of elemental mercury in existing buildings at Waste Control Specialists near Andrews, Texas.

ADDRESSES: For copies of this Record of Decision, the Supplement Analysis, the *Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0423), or the *Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0423-S1), please contact Dave Haught at U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management, Office of Waste Disposal (EM-4.22), 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585 or at David.Haught@em.doe.gov. Electronic

files can be accessed at <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/nepa-documents>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the management and storage of elemental mercury, please contact Dave Haught at David.Haught@em.doe.gov or visit <https://www.energy.gov/em/services/waste-management/waste-and-materials-disposition-information/long-term-management-and>. For general information on the Office of Environmental Management's National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 process, please contact Bill Ostrum, at William.Ostrum@hq.doe.gov and at (202) 586-2513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-414; MEBA), as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, (Pub. L. 114-182) (herein referred to as MEBA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was directed to designate a facility or facilities for the long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated within the United States.

On July 2, 2009, DOE issued a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 31723) to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for elemental mercury storage. This notice invited the public to participate in the public scoping process on the proposed management and storage alternatives for analysis in the draft EIS and included information on public scoping meeting dates and locations.

On January 29, 2010, DOE issued a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 4801) to notify the public of the issuance of the *Draft Long-Term Management and Storage of Elemental Mercury Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0423-D; Draft Elemental Mercury Storage EIS) for public comment and announce public hearings. The Draft Elemental Mercury Storage EIS analyzed the storage of up to 10,000 metric tons (11,000 tons) of elemental mercury in a facility or facilities constructed and operated in accordance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (74 FR 31723). DOE evaluated seven government and commercial sites as the range of reasonable alternatives in the Draft Elemental Mercury Storage EIS. In the Draft Elemental Mercury Storage EIS, DOE identified the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) facility as its preferred alternative.

On January 28, 2011, DOE issued a Notice of Availability in the **Federal**

³ Intervention, if granted, would constitute intervention only in the change in control portion of this proceeding, as described herein.