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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket Number: 100416189-0189-01]

Request for Public Comment on the Scope of Viewpoints Represented on the Industry Trade Advisory Committees

AGENCIES: Office of the United States Trade Representative and U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice, request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Commerce have initiated a joint review of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) component of the trade advisory committee system. As part of this joint review, USTR and Commerce are seeking comments and suggestions from the public on the appropriate scope of representation on the ITACs.

DATES: Written comments are due by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on May 25, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments identified by Docket Number ITA-2010-0001, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more information and instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- For alternatives to online submission please contact Ingrid Mitchem, Director, Industry Trade Advisory Center, at (202) 482-3268.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this request for comments should be directed to Ingrid Mitchem, Director, Industry Trade Advisory Center, at (202) 482-3268.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 135 of the 1974 Trade Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155), directed the President to obtain information and advice from representative elements of

the private sector and the non-Federal government sector regarding U.S. trade policy and trade negotiation objectives. Among other mechanisms, Section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act provides:

(2) The President shall establish such sectoral or functional advisory committees as may be appropriate. Such committees shall, insofar as is practicable, be representative of all industry, labor, agricultural, or service interests (including small business interests) in the sector or functional areas concerned. In organizing such committees, the United States Trade Representative and the Secretaries of Commerce, Labor, Agriculture, the Treasury, or other executive departments, as appropriate, shall—

(A) Consult with interested private organizations; and

(B) Take into account such factors as—

(i) Patterns of actual and potential competition between United States industry and agriculture and foreign enterprise in international trade,

(ii) The character of the non-tariff barriers and other distortions affecting such competition,

(iii) The necessity for reasonable limits on the number of such advisory committees,

(iv) The necessity that each committee be reasonably limited in size, and

(v) In the case of each sectoral committee, that the product lines covered by each committee be reasonably related.

The accompanying legislative history indicated that the sectoral and functional committees were to “be representative of the producing sectors of our economy” to “strengthen the hand of U.S. negotiators by improving their knowledge and familiarity with the problems domestic producers face in obtaining access to foreign markets.” S. Rep. 1298, 93d Cong., 2d Sess. 102 (1974).

Pursuant to Presidential delegation of this authority, USTR and Commerce have established and co-chair sixteen ITACs, plus an ITAC Committee of Chairs. The ITACs provide information and advice addressing the concerns of specific industry sectors for use by the USTR and the Secretary of Commerce in developing U.S. trade policy and negotiating positions.

To date, USTR and Commerce, with minor exceptions, have limited the viewpoints represented on the ITACs to those of industry stakeholders based on the need to obtain technical and detailed sectoral advice from the representatives of the producing sectors and the existence of other fora within the USTR-administered trade advisory committee system which provide for advice from representatives of other viewpoints, such as the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee, the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade,

the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy, and the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa. USTR and Commerce both have received multiple inquiries recently regarding the appropriate viewpoints to be represented on the ITACs. As a result of those inquiries, in accordance with Section 135(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Trade Act, USTR and Commerce have decided to seek comments from the public on the appropriate scope of viewpoints represented on the ITACs.

In submitting comments regarding what viewpoints should be represented, please address: How the proposed viewpoint would improve the quality of information and advice provided to the Secretary and the USTR through the ITACs; how the proposed specific perspective would add value and contribute to the ITACs’ mission to provide information and advice addressing the concerns of specific industry sectors to assist the USTR and the Secretary in developing U.S. trade policy and negotiating positions; how such viewpoints could be effectively incorporated into the existing ITAC structure (i.e., on which specific ITAC would that viewpoint be appropriate); and whether such viewpoints may be more effectively incorporated into other fora within the trade advisory system. (Further information on trade advisory committees is available at <http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/intergovernmental-affairs/advisory-committees/>).

General information concerning the Industry Trade Advisory Committees, including a list of the subject areas of the sixteen ITACs, is available at <http://www.trade.gov/itac/>.

Requirements for Submission

Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. EST on May 25, 2010. In order to ensure the most timely and expeditious receipt and consideration of comments, USTR and Commerce have arranged to accept on-line submissions via www.regulations.gov. To submit comments via www.regulations.gov, enter docket number ITA-2010-0001 on the home page and click “go”. The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting “Notice” under “Document Type” on the left side of the search results page, and click on the link entitled “Send a Comment or Submission.” For further information on using the <http://www.regulations.gov/> Web site, please consult the resources provided on the Web site by clicking on “How to Use This Site” on the left side of the home page.

The www.regulations.gov Web site provides the option of making submissions by filling in a "General Comments" field, or by attaching a document. We expect that most submissions will be provided in an attached document. If a document is attached, it is sufficient to type "See attached" in the "General Comments" field.

We strongly urge submitters to avail themselves of the electronic filing, if at all possible. If an on-line submission is impossible, alternative arrangements must be made with Ms. Mitchem, Director, Industry Trade Advisory Center, at (202) 482-3268, prior to delivery for the receipt of such submissions. General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.ustr.gov>). General information concerning the Department of Commerce may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (<http://www.commerce.gov>).

Dated: April 20, 2010.

Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale,

Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Dated: April 19, 2010.

Myesha Ward,

Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 27, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, be faxed to (202) 395-5806 or e-mailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov with a cc: to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: April 21, 2010.

James Hyler,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Private School Universe Survey (PSS) 2010-13.

Frequency: Biennially.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 15,867.

Burden Hours: 3,186.

Abstract: Since 1989, the Private School Universe Survey (PSS) provides biennially an accurate and complete list of all private schools in the U.S., along with a variety of related data, including: religious orientation; grade-levels taught and size of school; length of school year and of school day; total student enrollment by gender (K-12); number of high school graduates; whether a school is single-sexed or coeducational; number of teachers employed; program emphasis; and existence and type of its kindergarten program. PSS includes all schools that are not supported primarily

by public funds, provide classroom instruction for one or more of grades K-12 or comparable ungraded levels, and have one or more teachers. No substantive changes have been made to the survey or its procedures since its last approved administration.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4230. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No.: 12478-003]

Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests

April 20, 2010.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Major Project—Existing Dam.

b. *Project No.:* P-12478-003.

c. *Date filed:* August 28, 2009.

d. *Applicant:* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Company, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Gibson Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Sun River, near the towns of Augusta and Fairfield, Lewis and Clark and Teton Counties, Montana. The project would occupy 95.34 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Forest Service and 19.39 acres of federal land administered by the U.S. Bureau of