

proposals include new special use airspace in Southern California, an expansion of an underwater training range near San Clemente Island, and installation and maintenance of mine training areas off Hawaii and California.

Environmental resources that are determined to be potentially affected are carried forward for full analysis. Resources to be evaluated include, but are not limited to, biological resources (including marine mammals, reptiles, fishes, vegetation, invertebrates, habitats, birds, and other protected species), sediments and water quality, air quality, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, and public health and safety. The EIS/OEIS will also analyze measures that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental effects. The Navy will conduct all coordination and consultation activities required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NHPA, Endangered Species Act (ESA), National Marine Sanctuaries Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Clean Water Act, Rivers and Harbor Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, Clean Air Act, and other laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the project. As part of this process, the DoN will seek the issuance of regulatory permits and authorizations under MMPA and ESA to support at-sea mission readiness activities within the Study Area, beginning in December 2025.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.8, the DoN invited the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Federal Aviation Administration to be cooperating agencies in preparation of the EIS/OEIS.

The scoping process invites comments on the scope of the EIS/OEIS including identification of potential alternatives, information and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, identification of environmental concerns, issues the public would like to see addressed in the EIS/OEIS, and the projects potential to affect historic properties pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. Parties with demonstrated interest in the undertaking and its effects on historic properties may request to become a consulting party in the section 106 process. Federal agencies, State agencies, local agencies, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, Native Hawaiian Organizations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments.

Comments must be postmarked or submitted electronically via the website no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific time on January 29, 2024 for consideration during the development of the Draft

EIS/OEIS. Comments can be submitted electronically via the project website at <http://www.nepa.navy.mil/hctteis> or mailed to the address noted above.

After the scoping period, DoN will coordinate with participating and cooperating agencies to develop a Draft EIS/OEIS. The DoN intends to release the Draft EIS/OEIS in the fall of 2024, release the Final EIS/OEIS in the fall of 2025, and sign a Record of Decision following the 30-day Final EIS/OEIS wait period.

Dated: December 4, 2023.

**J.E. Koningsor,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0212]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B)

**AGENCY:** Office of Finance and Operations (OFO), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2023-SCC-0212. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be

addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Cleveland Knight, 202-987-0064.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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:** U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B).

**OMB Control Number:** 1894-0003.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved ICR.

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

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 13,300.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 297,800.

**Abstract:** The ED 524B form and instructions are used by many ED discretionary grant programs to enable grantees to meet ED deadline dates for submission of performance reports to the Department.

As an interim (usually annual) performance report, ED uses the information submitted by grantees in the ED 524B to evaluate grantee performance and progress and to

determine whether non-competing continuation funds should be awarded in multi-year grants. Only grantees that can demonstrate that they are making substantial progress (or, if not, have submitted an acceptable plan for meeting their objectives in subsequent budget periods) are eligible for continuation funding.

ED uses the information submitted on the ED 524B as a final performance report to determine whether grantees whose projects have ended have achieved project objectives and met or exceeded the Government Performance and Results Act and/or other program performance measures and grant requirements. This determination enables ED to assure that grants can be closed out in compliance.

Dated: December 11, 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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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**AGENCY:** Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Sunshine Act Notice; Notice of public meeting agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission Local Leadership Council 2024 Annual Meeting.

**DATES:** Monday, January 8, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern and Tuesday, January 9, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern.

**ADDRESSES:** DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897–9285, Email: [kmuthig@eac.gov](mailto:kmuthig@eac.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose:** In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct an annual meeting of the EAC Local Leadership Council to conduct regular business and discuss EAC updates and upcoming programs.

**Agenda:** The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Local Leadership Council will hold its 2024 Annual Meeting primarily to conduct regular business, and discuss EAC updates and

upcoming programs, such as election technology and preparing for the 2024 elections. The meeting will include moderated discussion on topics such as communications, continuity of operations planning, and presentations from federal election partners. Throughout the meeting, there will be opportunities for members to ask questions.

**Background:** The Local Leadership Council was established in June 2021 under agency authority pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The Advisory Committee is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The Advisory Committee advises the EAC on how best to fulfill the EAC's statutory duties set forth in 52 U.S.C. 20922 as well as such other matters as the EAC determines. It shall provide a relevant and comprehensive source of expert, unbiased analysis and recommendations to the EAC on local election administration topics.

The Local Leadership Council consists of 100 members. The Election Assistance Commission appoints two members from each state after soliciting nominations from each state's election official professional association. At the time of submission, the Local Leadership Council has 89 appointed members. Upon appointment, Advisory Committee members must be serving or have previously served in a leadership role in a state election official professional association.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

**Status:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**Camden Kelliher,**

*Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Project No. 8615–047]

### Fiske Hydro, Inc.; Notice Soliciting Pre-Application Documents and Notices of Intent To File a Subsequent License Application

On November 30, 2020, Fiske Hydro, Inc. (Fiske Hydro), the current licensee for the Fiske Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 8615 (project), filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for an

exemption from licensing for the project.<sup>1</sup> The existing license for the project expires on November 30, 2025.<sup>2</sup> On September 20, 2023, Fiske Hydro filed an application to surrender its license for the project.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to section 16.20 of the Commission's regulations, an existing licensee with a minor license not subject to sections 14 and 15 of the Federal Power Act must file an application for a subsequent license or exemption at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the current license, which with respect to the Fiske Mill Project, was November 30, 2023.<sup>4</sup>

Pursuant to section 16.25(a) of the Commission's regulations, when an existing licensee, having previously filed an NOI to file an application for an exemption subsequently does not file an application, the Commission must solicit applications from potential applicants other than the existing licensee.<sup>5</sup> Any party interested in filing an application for the project must file an NOI document within 90 days from the date of this notice.<sup>6</sup> In addition, NOIs for a subsequent license must also include a pre-application document (PAD). Moreover, while the integrated licensing process is the default process for preparing an application for a subsequent license, a potential applicant for a subsequent license may include with the NOI and PAD a request to use alternative licensing procedures.<sup>7</sup> An application for the Fiske Mill Hydroelectric Project No. 8615 must be filed within 18 months of the date of filing the NOI.

Questions concerning the process for filing an NOI should be directed to Robert Haltner at 202–502–8612 or [robert.haltner@ferc.gov](mailto:robert.haltner@ferc.gov).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR 16.19(b) (2022).

<sup>2</sup> The license for the project was issued with an effective date of December 1, 1985, for a term of 40 years. *Fiske Hydro Inc.*, 33 FERC ¶ 62,299 (1985).

<sup>3</sup> The surrender application filing may be viewed at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/filedownload?fileid=E18CC70E-85D5-C3FB-9C8C-8AB7E1600000>. The Commission is not seeking public comment on the surrender application at this time.

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 16.20(c) (2022).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 16.25(a) (2022).

<sup>6</sup> Pursuant to section 16.24(b)(2) of the Commission's regulations, the existing licensee, Fiske Hydro, Inc., is prohibited from filing an application for the project, either individually or in conjunction with other entities. 18 CFR 16.24(b)(2) (2022).

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 5.3(b) (2022).