

specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. NAEP consists of two assessment programs: the NAEP long-term trend (LTT) assessment and the main NAEP assessment. The LTT assessments are given at the national level only and are administered to students at ages 9, 13, and 17 in a manner that is very different from that used for the main NAEP assessments. LTT reports mathematics and reading results that present trend data since the 1970s. In addition to the operational assessments, NAEP uses two other kinds of assessment activities: pilot assessments and special studies. Pilot assessments test items and procedures for future administrations of NAEP, while special studies (including the National Indian Education Study (NIES), the Middle School Transcript Study (MSTS), and the High School Transcript Study (HSTS)) are opportunities for NAEP to investigate particular aspects of the assessment without impacting the reporting of the NAEP results.

This request is to conduct NAEP in 2024, specifically: (1) Main NAEP operational assessments in 2024 for grade 4 (reading and mathematics), 8 (reading, mathematics and science), and 12 (reading and mathematics). In Puerto Rico, grades 4 and 8 mathematics will be the only subject assessed; (2) Pilot testing for new frameworks in mathematics (mainland U.S. and Puerto Rico) and reading for grades 4 and 8; (3) Middle School Transcript Study (MSTS); (4) High School Transcript Study (HSTS); and (5) National Indian Education Study (NIES) for grades 4 and 8.

Three additional 30-day packages will be submitted in February, April, and August 2023 in order to update all materials in time for the data collection in early 2024.

Dated: November 9, 2022.

**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 EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2022-SCC-0142]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; the Recognition Process for Accrediting Agencies, State Approval Agencies; Evaluation of Foreign Medical, and Foreign Veterinary Accrediting Agencies (e-Recognition)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 17, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2022-SCC-0142. 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](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED 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 by fax or email and those 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 PRA Coordinator of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208D, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Herman Bounds, 202-453-6128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), 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. 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:** The Recognition Process for Accrediting Agencies, State Approval Agencies; Evaluation of Foreign Medical, and Foreign Veterinary Accrediting Agencies (e-Recognition).

**OMB Control Number:** 1840-0788.

**Type of Review:** An extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals and Households.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 17.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 18,351.

**Abstract:** The authority for collecting this information is contained in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended § 496 (HEA), and implementing regulations at 34 CFR 602. The data is required in order for recognized accrediting agencies to demonstrate compliance with 34 CFR 602. The Secretary will use these criteria in determining whether an accrediting agency is a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training provided by institutions of higher education they accredit. The data is required for State Agencies for the approval of Vocational Education to demonstrate compliance with 34 CFR 603. The Secretary will use these

criteria to determine whether a State Agency for the Approval of Vocational Education is a reliable authority as to the quality of education or training provided by the vocational institutions of higher education they accredit. The data is also required in order for State approval Agencies for Nurse Education to demonstrate compliance with the criteria and procedures for recognition of State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education published in the January 16, 1969 **Federal Register**. The Secretary will use these criteria in determining whether a state agency is a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered by schools of nursing.

In addition, and in accordance with 34 CFR 600.55, the Secretary is also required to collect information, review, and determine whether the accreditation standards used by foreign countries to accredit medical education programs are comparable to the standards used to accredit medical education programs in the U.S.

Dated: November 9, 2022.

**Kun Mullan,**

*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

### Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Science.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a virtual meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Information to participate can be found on the website closer to the meeting date at <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac/Meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kerry Hochberger; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-7661 or Email: [kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov](mailto:kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of this Board is to make recommendations to DOE-SC concerning the basic energy sciences research program.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of the Agenda
  - Welcome from the Office of Science
  - News from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences
  - News on the Roundtable Reports for Foundational Science for Biopreparedness and Response & Fundamental Science to Accelerate Nuclear Energy Innovation
  - News on the 2023 BESAC Charge
  - Panel Discussion: Computational Infrastructure Panel
  - Public Comment
  - Adjourn
- Breaks taken as appropriate.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. A webcast of this meeting will be available. Please check the website below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Kerry Hochberger at [kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov](mailto:kerry.hochberger@science.doe.gov). You must request an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule. Information about the committee can be found at: <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac>.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for review on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Basic Energy Sciences website at: <https://science.osti.gov/bes/besac/Meetings>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 8, 2022.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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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:* RP23-173-000.

*Applicants:* El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (Pioneer Nov-Dec 2022) to be effective 11/7/2022.

*Filed Date:* 11/7/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221107-5129.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 11/21/22.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-174-000.

*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: New Negotiated Rate Agreements—Municipal Customers 2022 to be effective 12/1/2022.

*Filed Date:* 11/8/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221108-5000.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 11/21/22.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23-175-000.

*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Rate Schedule S-2 OFO Flow Through Refund Report to be effective N/A.

*Filed Date:* 11/8/22.

*Accession Number:* 20221108-5004.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 11/21/22.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5 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.

Dated: November 8, 2022.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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