

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.

Dated: February 3, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: New.

Title: Documents Associated with the Notice of Terms and Conditions of Additional Purchase of Loans under the "Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008."

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 14,880.

Burden Hours: 14,880.

Abstract: The Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110-227) (the ECASLA) which was signed into law on May 7, 2008, amended the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (the HEA) by adding a new Section 459A that provides the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) with temporary authority to purchase student loans from Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program lenders. The documents included with this submission establish the terms and conditions that will govern certain loan purchases through the replication for the 2009-2010 academic year of the Loan Participation Purchase Program and the Loan Purchase Commitment Program that have been established for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3904. 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 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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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

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ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting for EAC Standards Board.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 26, 2009, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Friday, February 27, 2009, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PLACE: DoubleTree Orlando Hotel at the Entrance to Universal Orlando, 5780 Major Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32819, Phone number (407) 351-1000.

PURPOSE: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board, as required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, will meet to elect the Executive Board of the Standards Board. The Standards Board will also be presented on updates of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines, the NIST UOCAVA study, and the Threat/Risk Assessment Project. They will also have the opportunity to formulate recommendations to EAC regarding those presentations and consider other administrative matters.

This meeting will be open to the public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Sharmili Edwards, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

Gineen Bresso Beach,

Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

A123 Systems, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given with an intent to grant to A123 Systems, Inc. of Watertown, Massachusetts an exclusive license to practice the inventions described in U.S. Patent Application No. 11/768,977, entitled "High Power and High Energy Density Battery." The inventions are owned by the United States of America, as represented by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

DATE: Written comments or nonexclusive license applications are to be received at the address listed below no later than March 11, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Annette R. Reimers, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 6F-067, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone (202) 586-3815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 35 U.S.C. 209 provides federal agencies with authority to grant exclusive licenses in federally-owned inventions, if, among other things, the agency finds that the public will be served by the granting of the license. The statute requires that no exclusive license may be granted unless public notice of the intent to grant the license has been provided, and the agency has considered all comments received in response to that public notice before the end of the comment period.

A123 Systems, Inc. of Watertown, Massachusetts has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent Application No. 11/768,977 and has plans for commercialization of the inventions. The exclusive license will be subject to a license and other rights retained by the U.S. Government and other terms and conditions to be negotiated. DOE intends to negotiate to grant the license, unless, within 30 days of this notice, the Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, receives in writing any of the following, together with supporting documents:

(i) A statement from any person setting forth reason why it would not be in the best interests of the United States to grant the proposed license; or

(ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention in which applicant states that it already has

brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously.

The Department will review all timely written responses to this notice and will proceed with negotiating the license if, after consideration of written responses to this notice, a finding is made that the license is in the public interest.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 3, 2009.

John T. Lucas,

*Acting Assistant General Counsel for
Technology Transfer and Intellectual
Property.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC09-546-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-546); Comment Request; Extension

February 2, 2009.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. No. 104-13), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described below.

DATES: Comments in consideration of the collection of information are due April 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be filed either electronically or in paper format, and should refer to Docket No. IC09-546-000. Documents must be prepared in an acceptable filing format and in compliance with Commission submission guidelines at <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>.

Comments may be eFiled. The eFiling option under the Documents & Filings tab on the Commission's home Web page: <http://www.ferc.gov> directs users to the eFiling Web site. First-time users follow the eRegister instructions on the eFiling Web page to establish a user name and password before eFiling. Filers will receive an emailed confirmation of their eFiled comments. Commenters filing electronically should not make a paper filing. If you are unable to make a filing electronically, submit an original and 14 paper copies of the filing to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Parties interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket may do so through eSubscription. The eSubscription option under the Documents & Filings tab on the Commission's home Web page directs users to the eSubscription Web page. Users submit the docket numbers of the filings they wish to track and will subsequently receive an e-mail notification each time a filing is made under the submitted docket numbers. First-time users will need to establish a user name and password before eSubscribing.

Filed comments and FERC issuances may be viewed, printed and downloaded remotely from the Commission's Web site. The red eLibrary link found at the top of most of the Commission's Web pages directs users to the eLibrary. From the eLibrary Web page, choose General Search, and in the Docket Number space provided, enter IC09-546; then click the Submit button at the bottom of the page.

For help with any of the Commission's electronic submission or retrieval systems, e-mail FERC Online Support: ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or telephone toll-free: (866) 208-3676 (TTY (202) 502-8659).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FERC-546 (Certificated Rate Filings: Gas Pipeline Rates; OMB Control Number 1902-0155) is required to implement Sections 4, 5, 16 and 7(e) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. 717-717w). NGA Sections 4, 5 and 16 authorize the Commission to inquire into rate structures and methodologies and to set rates at a just and reasonable level. Section 7(e) authorizes the Commission to set initial rates that are in keeping with the public convenience and necessity.

The Commission uses the FERC-546 information to examine service and tariff provisions for the transportation and storage, and/or sale of natural gas in interstate commerce filed with the Commission.

When a pipeline decides to construct and operate a jurisdictional pipeline, it files an application with the Commission and receives a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. As part of its review, the Commission considers and authorizes "initial rates" for transportation and/or storage service for the pipeline. Initial rates are established for new services authorized in certificate proceedings and must meet a public convenience and necessity standard. Initial rates established in the certificate proceeding remain in effect until such rates are reviewed by the Commission in a rate proceeding. The information submitted by the pipeline company to the Commission in these applications for initial rates is the subject of FERC-546.¹

The Commission's reporting requirements for this information collection are provided in 18 CFR 154.4, 154.7, 154.202, 154.204-.209, and 154.602-.603. Failure to collect this information would prevent the Commission from monitoring and properly evaluating pipeline proposals to add or modify services.

Action: The Commission is requesting a three-year extension of the current reporting requirements.

Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated at:

FERC Data Collection—FERC-546	Number of respondents annually	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1) × (2) × (3)
Natural Gas Companies	77	4	40	12,320
Storage Operators	3	1	350	1,050

¹ The Commission collects information necessary to examine and approve any change in rates

separately under FERC-542 and FERC-545. The FERC-542 is for tracking filings, and FERC-545 is

for general rate change filings, including NGA Section 4 major rate cases.