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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

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: Federal Perkins Loan Program Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0023.

Type of Review: an extension of an existing information collection of a previously approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households, State, Local, or Tribal Governments, Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 23,488,137.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 607,752.

Abstract: Institutions of higher education make Perkins loans. Information is necessary in order to monitor a school's due diligence in its contact with the borrower regarding repayment, billing and collections, reimbursement to its Perkins loan revolving fund, rehabilitation of defaulted loans as well as institutions use of third party collections. This extension is a request for approval of reporting and record-keeping requirements contained in the regulations related to the administrative requirements of the Perkins Loan Program.

Dated: February 11, 2013.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Meetings: State Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a live open meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: March 12, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

March 13, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Washington, DC—Crystal City (in the Jefferson Room), 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gil Sperling, STEAB's Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To provide advice and make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in

the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101–440).

Tentative Agenda: Receive in person updates and reviews of accomplishment of STEAB's Subcommittee and Task Forces, meet with members of DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), discuss new initiatives and technologies generated by the EERE program areas, explore energy financing options, meet with senior-level EERE staff to discuss strategic planning opportunities, and update to the Board on routine business matters and other topics of interest.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gil Sperling at the address listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days on the STEAB Web site, www.steab.org.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 8, 2013.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC13–1–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–592); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection, FERC–592 (Standards of Conduct for Transmission Provider; and Marketing Affiliates of Interstate Pipelines), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the

information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 70746, 11/27/2012) requesting public comments. FERC received no comments on the FERC-592 and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 18, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0157, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. IC13-1-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at

ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-592 (Standards of Conduct for Transmission Providers; and Marketing Affiliates of Interstate Pipelines).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0157.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-592 information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses the information maintained and posted by the respondents to monitor the pipeline's transportation, sales, and storage activities for its marketing affiliate to deter undue discrimination by pipeline companies in favor of their marketing affiliates. Non-affiliated shippers and other entities (e.g. state commissions) also use information to determine whether they have been harmed by affiliate preference and to prepare evidence for proceedings following the filing of a complaint.

18 CFR Part 358 (Standards of Conduct)

Respondents maintain and provide the information required by Part 358 on

their internet Web sites. When the Commission requires a pipeline to post information on its Web site following a disclosure of non-public information to its marketing affiliate, non-affiliated shippers obtain comparable access to the non-public transportation information, which allows them to compete with marketing affiliates on a more equal basis.

18 CFR 250.16, and the FERC-592 log/format

This form (log/format) provides the electronic formats for maintaining information on discounted transportation transactions and capacity allocation to support monitoring of activities of interstate pipeline marketing affiliates. Commission staff considers discounts given to shippers in litigated rate cases.

Without this information collection:

- The Commission would be unable to effectively monitor whether pipelines are giving discriminatory preference to their marketing affiliates; and

- Non-affiliated shippers and state commissions and others would be unable to determine if they have been harmed by affiliate preference or prepare evidence for proceedings following the filing of a complaint.

Type of Respondents: Natural Gas Pipelines.

Estimate of Annual Burden¹: The Commission estimates the total Public Reporting Burden for this information collection as:

FERC-592—STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSMISSION PROVIDERS; AND MARKETING AFFILIATES OF INTERSTATE PIPELINES

Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden
(A)	(B)	(A)x(B)=(C)	(D)	(C)x(D)
85	1	85	116.62	9,913

The total estimated annual cost burden to respondents is \$684,092 [9,913 hours ÷ 2080² hours per year = 4.76586 * \$143,540/year³ = \$684,092]

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 8, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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¹ Burden is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further

explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

² 2080 hours/year = 40 hours/week * 52 weeks/year.

³ Average annual salary plus benefits per employee in 2012.