

response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Grantee Reporting Form—Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Annual Payback Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 1820–0617.

*Type of Review:* A revision of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 11,790.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,858.

*Abstract:* Under Section 302 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), hereafter referred to as “The Act,” the RSA provides Long-Term Training grants to academic institutions to support scholarship assistance to scholars. Scholars who receive scholarships under this program are required to work within the public rehabilitation program, such as with a State vocational rehabilitation agency, or an agency or organization that has a service arrangement with a State vocational rehabilitation agency, in qualified employment fields, which include rehabilitation counseling, administration, supervision, teaching or research in vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, or independent living rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities, especially individuals with significant disabilities. The scholar is required to work two years in such settings for every year of full-time scholarship support. The service obligation for the scholar who matriculated part time, is based on the equivalent total of actual academic years of training received. The program regulations at 34 CFR 386.33–386.36 and 386.40–386.43 detail the payback provisions and the RSA scholars’ requirements to comply with them.

Section 302 (b)(2)(C) of the Act requires that data on the employment of scholars are accurate, including tracking of scholars’ employment status and location of former scholars supported under the RLTT grants in order to ensure that scholars are meeting the payback requirements.

In addition to meeting the requirement that all scholars be tracked, the data collected will provide performance data relevant to the rehabilitation fields and degrees pursued by RSA scholars, as well as the funds owed and the rehabilitation work completed by them. These data are used to assess program effectiveness and efficiency, and to meet the reporting

requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

RSA is requesting a revision of the currently approved collection for grantees (Institutions of Higher Education) to submit an Annual Payback Report through the online RSA Management Information System (MIS). To collect the needed data, RSA created the revised Payback Information Management System (PIMS). Through the PIMS grantees, scholars and employers report data electronically.

Dated: September 6, 2018.

**Tomakie Washington,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**[OE Docket No. PP–82–6]**

### **Application To Amend Presidential Permit; Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., as Agent for the Joint Owners in the Highgate Interconnection Facilities**

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (“VELCO”), as operating-and-management agent for the Joint Owners of the Highgate Interconnection Facilities (the “Highgate Joint Owners”) filed an application to amend PP–82, issued on May 14, 1985 and amended on March 1, 1994, September 3, 2003, February 7, 2005, May 3, 2016 and January 8, 2018. VELCO requested that DOE reflect changes in ownership of the Highgate Interconnection Facilities and transfer the ownership interests in the Highgate Interconnection Facilities from two of the Highgate Joint Owners to the third Highgate Joint Owner.

**DATES:** Comments or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before October 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or motions to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity (OE–20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202–586–5260, or by email to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov); Christopher Drake (Program Attorney) at 202–586–2919, or by email to [Christopher.Drake@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Drake@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance,

and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On August 13, 2018, VELCO filed an application with DOE, as required by 10 CFR 205.322, requesting that DOE amend PP–82–5 to reflect a change in names and ownership interests and authorize, under Article 10 of PP–82–5, the transfer of the Highgate Interconnection Facilities so that Vermont Transco LLC (Transco) will acquire 100% of the ownership interest in the facility from the two other Highgate Joint Owners: the Town of Stowe Electric Department and the City of Burlington Electric Department. Transco would then become sole owner of the Highgate Interconnection Facilities.

The international transmission facilities authorized by Presidential Permit No. PP–82, as amended, include a back-to-back converter station in Highgate, Vermont, and a 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending approximately 7.5 miles from the converter station to the United States-Canada border in Franklin, Vermont. VELCO does not propose to make any physical changes to the Highgate Interconnection Facilities, but rather asks the Department to amend the permit to reflect the change in ownership of the Highgate Transmission Facility.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person may comment on this application by filing such comment at the address provided above. Any person seeking to become a party to this proceeding must file a motion to intervene at the address provided above in accordance with Rule 214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Two copies of each comment or motion to intervene should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such motions to intervene also should be filed directly with Mr. Colin Owyang, Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., 366 Pinnacle Ridge Road, Rutland, VT 05701, [cowyang@velco.com](mailto:cowyang@velco.com) AND Margaret H. Claybour, Esq., Van Ness Feldman, LLP, 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20007–3877, [mhc@vnf.com](mailto:mhc@vnf.com).

Before a Presidential permit may be granted or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact the reliability of

the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE will consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit or amendment, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) according to the standards of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. DOE also must obtain the favorable recommendation of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded electronically at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/international-electricity-regulation-2>. Upon reaching the home page, select "Pending Applications."

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 31, 2018.

**Christopher A. Lawrence,**  
Program and Management Analyst, Office of Electricity.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### State Energy Advisory Board; Teleconference

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference call of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, September 20, 2018, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. (EDT). To receive the call-in number and passcode, please contact the Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Li, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585. Phone number 202–287–5718, and email: [michael.li@ee.doe.gov](mailto:michael.li@ee.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* To 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:* Discuss logistics and recommendations from STEAB to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

*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 Michael Li at the address or telephone number 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.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 6, 2018.

**Latanya Butler,**  
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, October 18, 2018; 8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. and Friday, October 19, 2018; 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Washington DC/ Rockville Hotel & Meeting Center, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Tristram West, Designated Federal Officer, BERAC, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC–23/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585–1290. Phone 301–903–5155; fax (301) 903–5051 or email:

[tristram.west@science.doe.gov](mailto:tristram.west@science.doe.gov). The most current information concerning this meeting can be found on the website: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* To provide advice on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the Biological and Environmental Research Program.

#### Tentative Agenda Topics

- News from the Office of Science
- News from the Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER)
- News from the Biological Systems Science and Climate and Environmental Sciences Divisions
- Workshop briefings
- Subcommittee briefing
- Science talks
- New business
- Public comment

*Public Participation:* The day and a half meeting is open to the public. 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 Tristram West at [tristram.west@science.doe.gov](mailto:tristram.west@science.doe.gov) (email) or 301–903–5051 (fax). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision 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 be limited to five minutes each.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 45 days at the BERAC website: <http://science.energy.gov/ber/berac/meetings/berac-minutes/>.

Signed in Washington, DC on September 6, 2018.

**Latanya Butler,**  
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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