

academic and other requisite skills necessary for acceptance and success in a program of postsecondary education.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. 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 04839. 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 and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. 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: Application for Grants under the Veterans Upward Bound Program.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Type of Review: New.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 135.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 4,606.

Abstract: The U.S. Department of Education is requesting a new application package for grants under the VUB program. The previous package was part of the regular Upward Bound Program (UB) (OMB No. 1840-0550) package. The regular UB program provides federal grants for three types of projects: Regular UB, VUB, and Upward Bound Math and Science. However, each project has a separate collection; therefore, we are requesting a new application package. The Department is requesting a new application because of the implementation of the Higher Education Opportunity Act revisions to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the authorizing statute for the program. This application will be used to award new grants and collect data under the VUB program.

This information collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894-0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Darrin A. King,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before June 8, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to James R. Brodrick, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by email at James.Brodrick@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to James R. Brodrick, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by email at James.Brodrick@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.* New; (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Bright Tomorrow Lighting Competition (L Prize®); Field Assessment and Post Prize Monitoring; (3) *Type of Request:* New; (4) *Purpose:* The Bright Tomorrow Lighting Competition was authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), Subtitle E, Section 655, to encourage development and deployment of highly energy efficient solid-state lighting (SSL) products to replace several of the most common lighting products currently used in the United States. Field assessments contribute to the evaluation of L Prize entries in a wide range of lighting applications. The field assessments evaluate energy use of the installed product, the lighting system performance compared to the existing technology, and user feedback. The objective of field testing is to obtain installation data and user acceptance, in order to evaluate the product and determine its potential to be declared a winner. Additionally, DOE plans to monitor the impact of the L Prize competition through post-prize monitoring of incentive programs, educational campaigns, and retail

promotions. This monitoring will include measuring the number of customers reached, bulbs sold, energy savings, and other tangible benefits; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 526; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 526; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 115; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0.

Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. 17243.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 3, 2012.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Number: EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0065]

Request for Information (RFI) Regarding Miscellaneous Residential and Commercial Electrical Equipment

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

ACTION: Notice of re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the period for submitting comments on the RFI Regarding Miscellaneous Residential and Commercial Electrical Equipment is re-opened until April 17, 2012.

DATES: DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the RFI received no later than April 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments in writing, identified by docket number EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0065 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* MEL-RFI-2011-NOA-0065@ee.doe.gov.

- *Mail:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, Mailstop EE-2J, Request for Information on Miscellaneous Electrical Equipment, EERE-2011-BT-NOA-0065, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. *Phone:* (202) 586-2945. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Ms. Brenda Edwards, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., 6th Floor,

Washington, DC 20024. Please submit one signed original paper copy.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, please call Ms. Brenda Edwards at the above telephone number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeremy Domm, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Program, EE-2J, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-9870. Email:

Jeremy.Domm@ee.doe.gov. In the office of General Counsel, Ms. Elizabeth Kohl, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-71, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone (202) 586-7796. Email: *Elizabeth.Kohl@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 24, 2012, DOE published a Request for Information (RFI) in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 3461) to request information regarding the energy use and energy efficiency potential of miscellaneous residential and commercial electrical equipment. The RFI provided for the submission of comments by March 26, 2012. DOE has received notice from several stakeholders that they wish to provide comments, but were unable to meet the initial deadline. In order to ensure that this input is reviewed and accepted, DOE has determined that a re-opening of the public comment period is appropriate and hereby re-opens the comment period. DOE will consider any comments received by April 17, 2012 and deems any comments received between March 26, 2012 and April 17, 2012 to be timely submitted.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 3, 2012.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2146-136]

Alabama Power Company; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters.

b. *Project No:* 2146-136.

c. *Date Filed:* March 1, 2012 and supplemented on March 28, 2012.

d. *Applicant:* Alabama Power Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Coosa River Project.

f. *Location:* At the Lake Point Development, on the Choccolocco Creek section of Logan Martin Lake, in Talladega County, Alabama.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* David K. Anderson, Alabama Power Company, 600 18th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203, Phone: (205) 257-1398, email: *dkanders@southernco.com*.

i. *FERC Contact:* Lorraine Yates at (678) 245-3084; or email:

lorance.yates@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* May 3, 2012.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at *FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov* or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-2146-136) on any comments, motions, or recommendations filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors