

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 30, 2024.

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–2024–SCC–0086. 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, the Department will temporarily accept comments at 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 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 Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Andrew Brake, (202) 453–6136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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: Expanding Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Program: Technical Assistance to Support Monitoring, Evaluation, Data Collection, and Dissemination of Best Practices.

OMB Control Number: 1810–NEW.

Type of Review: New ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 110.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 172.

Abstract: This request is for a new OMB approval to collect data necessary to support the following: Charter School Programs (CSP) Data Collection, Risk Assessment, and Monitoring. This collection will replace previously approved 1855–0016 collection in order to obtain a new OMB number that is associated with the sub-agency this collection has moved to following a reorganization. The collection of information is still necessary in order to perform data collection, data analysis, risk assessment, and grantee monitoring for the CSP. However, the number of respondents is expected to decrease over the life of this collection, as new grantees (from FY 2022 onward) use the Charter Online Management and Performance System (COMPS) for their reporting (OMB Control Numbers 1810–0781 through 1810–0787). This collection will remain in place for the older grantees that still have active CSP grants.

This data collection is coordinated with the EDFacts Initiative (EDFacts) to reduce respondent burden and fully utilize data submitted by States and available to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) through the EDFacts database. Specifically, under the current data collection, ED collects CSP grant award information from grantees (State agencies, charter management organizations, and some schools) to create a new database of current CSP-funded charter schools and award amounts. Once complete, ED merges performance information extracted from the EDFacts database with the database of CSP-funded charter schools. Together, these data allow ED to monitor CSP grant performance and analyze data related to accountability

for academic performance, financial integrity, and program effectiveness.

Dated: June 25, 2024.

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 EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2024–SCC–0085]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Federal Student Loan Program Deferment Request Forms

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 30, 2024.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, (202) 570–8414.

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Title of Collection: Federal Student Loan Program Deferment Request Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0011.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 704,903.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 112,819.

Abstract: These forms serve as the means by which borrowers in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan), Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Programs may request deferment of repayment on their loans if they meet certain statutory and regulatory criteria. The U.S. Department of Education and other loan holders uses the information collected on these forms to determine whether a borrower meets the eligibility requirements for the specific deferment type being submitted. For greater simplicity and to make it easier to maintain consistency among the various forbearance forms, the Department is consolidating all the current forbearance forms into a single collection under OMB No. 1845-0011. This collection is merging the six currently approved deferment forms in

1845-0011 with the military deferment form currently approved under 1845-0080 and the cancer treatment deferment form currently approved under 1845-0154.

The Department is requesting a revision of the currently approved deferment forms. The proposed changes include the following:

Streamlining the forms by eliminating duplicative and obsolete information; reordering items to present information in a more logical order that is consistent between forms; using "plain language" to present information more clearly and consistently; revising language as necessary to reflect regulatory changes made by the Final Rule published on November 1, 2022 (87 FR 65904) that eliminated the capitalization of unpaid interest following periods of forbearance effective July 1, 2023.

Dated: June 25, 2024.

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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

[GDO Docket No. EA-48-O]

Application To Amend Export Authorization; El Paso Electric Company

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: El Paso Electric Company (EPE or Applicant) has applied to amend its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act to reflect a change in counterparty.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before July 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brett Thompson, (202) 288-2028, Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C.

824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 CFR 205.300 *et seq.*). Sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)) transferred this regulatory authority, previously exercised by the now-defunct Federal Power Commission, to DOE.

Section 202(e) of the FPA provides that an entity which seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing that export (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On April 16, 1992, DOE issued Order No. EA-48-I authorizing EPE to export electric energy from the United States to Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE) in Mexico. Most recently, this export authorization was temporarily amended by Order No. EA-48-N on February 25, 1998. On May 1, 2024, EPE filed an application with DOE (App. or Application) requesting to amend its export authorization to reflect a change in counterparty from CFE to the Centro Nacional de Control de Energía (CENACE). App. at 2.

According to the Application, EPE and CFE entered into an Interchange Agreement (Enabling Contract) to "govern the exchange of power between the two countries." *Id.* EPE states that "reforms in Mexico have resulted in CFE no longer being responsible for energy transactions with EPE pursuant to the Enabling Contract. Rather, [CENACE] now operates [Mexico's] wholesale electricity market, has operational control of the national electric system, and establishes energy imports and exports for reliability and emergency situations." *Id.* EPE states that the Enabling Contract was assigned from CFE to CENACE effective April 16, 2024. *Id.* EPE requests that DOE amend its export authorization to reflect CENACE as the counterparty rather than CFE and confirm that the export authorization will remain applicable to the Enabling Contract now that it has been assigned to CENACE. *Id.*

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at