

Selecting WCS avoids these costs to DOE and other Federal agencies. The cost comparison workbook also does not reflect the fact that MEBA, as amended, makes DOE indirectly financially responsible for the costs of storing certain elemental mercury accumulated by mercury generators after January 1, 2019, by requiring DOE to subtract these costs from its future MEBA fee assessments to these generators. 42 U.S.C. 6939f(b)(1)(B)(iv). These indirect costs to DOE, in the form of foregone future fee assessments, increase the longer it takes DOE's designated LTEMFSF to become operational. Selecting an existing, permitted facility like WCS minimizes these costs.

Third, DOE's selection of WCS as the Secretary's designated LTEMFSF satisfies the requirement of MEBA that "the Secretary of Energy shall designate a facility or facilities of the Department of Energy for the purpose of long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated within the United States." MEBA section 5(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 6939f(a)(1)). MEBA does not define the phrase, "facility or facilities of the Department of Energy[.]" but it does state that "[t]he Secretary is authorized to establish such terms, conditions, and procedures as are necessary to carry out this section." DOE construes the phrase "facility or facilities of the Department of Energy" to include a facility leased from a commercial entity or another Federal agency, over which DOE provides an appropriate level of responsibility and control. This construction is consistent with MEBA's plain language and DOE's operational history. Certain comments on the Draft SEIS-II asserted that "facility or facilities of the Department of Energy" could only mean one or more facilities owned by DOE or owned and operated by DOE. However, MEBA does not expressly require the designated facility to be owned by DOE or even by the U.S. government. Similarly, MEBA does not mandate that DOE employees operate the designated facility and does not prohibit DOE from using qualified contractors in connection with the facility. The phrase "facility or facilities of the Department of Energy" encompasses facilities leased by DOE and subject to an appropriate level of DOE responsibility and control. This structure provides DOE flexibility to select a facility that best serves the various requirements and purposes of MEBA and the fiscal and mission responsibilities of DOE, regardless of ownership.

DOE has determined that the lease and contract with WCS, developed through DOE's competitive procurement

process, will provide DOE a leasehold interest in WCS property and an appropriate level of responsibility and control over the property such that it will become a "facility or facilities of the Department of Energy" within the meaning of MEBA Section 5(a)(1). By entering into the lease and contract DOE can ensure that the LTEMFSF is managed and operated in compliance with MEBA and other applicable legal requirements, including those addressing the protection of human health and the environment. For example, as set forth in the RFP, among other control measures, DOE will ensure that the designated facility: (1) complies with all applicable local, state, and Federal regulations including all applicable RCRA requirements; (2) employs a fully enclosed, weather-protected structure that complies with all applicable building, fire, and life safety codes and standards; (3) meets RCRA and Department of Transportation-compliant performance measures covering, among other things, receiving, handling, container storage, and security; (4) satisfies applicable local, state, and Federal regulatory requirements for recordkeeping and reporting; and (5) submits operating records, inventories, and other reports to DOE for periodic review. In addition to contractually imposed oversight, the arrangement between DOE and WCS will involve DOE entering into a lease agreement covering the premises where the operations will occur. The lease will require, among other things, the premises to be used exclusively for DOE elemental mercury management and storage, consistent with contract provisions governing operations at the premises, and will grant DOE access to the premises.⁷ Awarding the contract to WCS will formally conclude DOE's independent and competitive procurement process, which was conducted in compliance with applicable Federal Acquisition Regulations.⁸

Therefore, DOE has selected WCS for designation as the LTEMFSF under MEBA. As identified in Section E, Potential Environmental Impacts, the impacts presented in the Mercury Storage SEIS-II for the WCS site were comparable to the other action alternatives. This MEBA decision is consistent with the preferred alternative in the Final Mercury Storage SEIS-II and the NEPA decision in this ROD.

⁷ Request for Proposals, Section J.5.

⁸ The selection of WCS is also consistent with the Federal Government's general policy of using commercial services and capabilities when they are sufficient to meet the mission needs. See, e.g. FAR Part 12.

Although this document satisfies DOE's obligation to designate a facility or facilities of the DOE for the purpose of long-term management and storage of elemental mercury generated within the United States, MEBA Section 5(b) (42 U.S.C. 6939f(b)) also requires DOE to assess and collect a fee at the time that elemental mercury is delivered to the designated facility. As explained in responses to comments on the Draft SEIS-II, after publication of this document, DOE intends to focus on issuing a rule to establish the fee. At this time, however, DOE remains unable to accept elemental mercury from generators at a facility of the Department of Energy for long-term management and storage. DOE acknowledges that the temporary storage provisions of MEBA Section 5(g)(2) (42 U.S.C. 6939f(g)(2)) remain in effect until DOE is able to accept elemental mercury shipments at the designated facility or facilities, which will generally require applying DOE's future fee rule to assess a fee pursuant to MEBA Section 5(b).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 21, 2024, by Candice Trummell, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. The document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 22, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A–108 and A–130, the Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is publishing notice of a modification to an existing Privacy Act System of Records. DOE proposes to amend System of Records DOE–26 Official Travel Records. This System of Records Notice (SORN) is being modified to align with new formatting requirements, published by OMB, and to ensure appropriate Privacy Act coverage of business processes and Privacy Act information.

DATES: This modified SORN will become applicable following the end of the public comment period on January 2, 2025 unless comments are received that result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H–085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586–8151, or by email at privacy@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Hunt, Chief Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Rm. 8H–085, Washington, DC 20585, by facsimile at (202) 586–8151, by email at privacy@hq.doe.gov, or by telephone (240) 686–9485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 9, 2009, DOE published a Compilation of its Privacy Act Systems of Records, which included System of Records DOE–26 Official Travel Records. This notice proposes amendments to the system locations section of that system of records by removing the following system locations where DOE–26 is no longer applicable: Office of Science, Chicago and Oak Ridge Offices, Alaska Power Administration, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Pittsburgh Office), Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, Naval Petroleum Reserves in California, and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Nevada Site Office. This notice updates addresses for the following sites: NNSA John A. Gordon Albuquerque Complex, Office of River Protection, and the Southwestern Power Administration. In the “Routine Uses” section, this modified notice deletes a previous routine use concerning efforts responding to a suspected or confirmed loss of confidentiality of information as it appears in DOE’s compilation of its Privacy Act systems of records (January 9, 2009) and replaces it with one to assist DOE with responding to a suspected or confirmed breach of its

records of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), modeled with language from OMB’s Memorandum M–17–12, “Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information” (January 3, 2017). Further, this notice adds one new routine use to ensure that DOE may assist another agency or entity in responding to the other agency’s or entity’s confirmed or suspected breach of PII, as appropriate, as aligned with OMB’s Memorandum M–17–12. To “Categories of Individuals Covered by the System,” this notice now includes individuals who travel or relocate “as part of their official duties.” To the “Categories of Records in the System,” this notice now includes age, passport information, known traveler number or other official identifying number, travel sponsor, or host information.” “Record Source Categories” now includes “travel and financial systems” and “human resource systems.” This notice now includes a routine use that allows the Department to disclose information “to protect national security and the security of activities, information, installations, property, or individuals.” This new routine use is listed as number seven. “Policies and Practices for Retrieval of Records” now include the possibility that records may be retrieved using a “unique identifier, such as employee ID.” An administrative change required by the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 extends the length of time a requestor is permitted to file an appeal under the Privacy Act from 30 to 90 days. Both the “System Locations” and “Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards” sections have been modified to reflect the Department’s usage of cloud-based services for records storage. Language throughout the SORN has been updated to align with applicable Federal privacy laws, policies, procedures, and best practices.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

DOE–26 Official Travel Records.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Systems leveraging this SORN may exist in multiple locations. All systems storing records in a cloud-based server are required to use government-approved cloud services and follow National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) security and privacy standards for access and data retention. Records maintained in a government-approved cloud server are accessed

through secure data centers in the continental United States.

U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, OR 97208.

U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (EMCBC), 550 Main Street, Rm. 7–010, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83415.

U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Naval Reactors Field Office, Pittsburgh Naval Reactors, P.O. Box 109, West Mifflin, PA 15122–0109.

U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Naval Reactors Field Office, Schenectady Naval Reactors, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectady, NY 12301.

U.S. Department of Energy, John A. Gordon Albuquerque Complex, 24600 20th Street SE, Albuquerque, NM 87116.

U.S. Department of Energy, Hanford Field Office, P.O. Box 550, Richland, WA 99352.

U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29801.

U.S. Department of Energy, Southeastern Power Administration, 1166 Athens Tech Road, Elberton, GA 30635–6711.

U.S. Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration, One West Third Street, Suite 1500, Tulsa, OK 74103.

U.S. Department of Energy, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office, 900 Commerce Road East, New Orleans, LA 70123.

U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228–8213.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Headquarters: Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Field Offices: The field Chief Financial Officers of the “System Locations” listed above are the system managers for their respective portions of this system.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C. 301; 5 U.S.C. chapter 57; Policy and Procedures Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, titles 3 and 4; Federal Travel Regulation; Federal Property Management Regulations 101–41; Department of Energy Order 550.1, current version.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

Records in this system are maintained and used by DOE to document official domestic and foreign travel and relocation expenditures and to support reimbursement of allowable expenses.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who travel or relocate as part of their official duties or at the expense of DOE, including NNSA.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name, weight, age, address, telephone number, passport information, known traveler number or other official identifying number, travel sponsor, host information, authorization number, travel itinerary, mode, and purpose of travel, advance amount, expenses claimed, amounts reimbursed, charge card account numbers, residential sales records, and receipts.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Individual travelers, supervisors, government travel offices, travel and financial systems, human resource systems, and finance office standard references.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

1. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the U.S. Treasury for payment of a claim.

2. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the U.S. General Accounting Office for audit and verification of accuracy and legality of disbursements.

3. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the Internal Revenue Service for notification regarding taxable reimbursements.

4. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the General Services Administration for audit of transportation services.

5. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to DOE contractors in performance of their contracts, and their officers and employees who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

6. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the appropriate local, tribal, state, or Federal agency when records, alone or in conjunction with other information, indicate a violation or potential violation of law whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, and whether

arising by general statute or particular program pursuant thereto.

7. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to the appropriate local, tribal, state, or Federal agency to protect national security and the security of activities, information, installations, property, or individuals.

8. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to a member of Congress submitting a request involving a constituent when the constituent has requested assistance from the member concerning the subject matter of the record. The member of Congress must provide a copy of the constituent's signed request for assistance.

9. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Department suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records; (2) the Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, DOE (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

10. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use to another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Department determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records may be stored as paper records or electronic media.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retrieved by name or other unique identifier, such as employee ID, or travel authorization number.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Retention and disposition of these records is in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration-approved records disposition schedule with a retention of 6 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Electronic records may be secured and maintained on a cloud-based software server and operating system that resides in Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP) and Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) hosting environment. Data located in the cloud-based server is firewalled and encrypted at rest and in transit. The security mechanisms for handling data at rest and in transit are in accordance with DOE encryption standards. Records are protected from unauthorized access through the following appropriate safeguards:

- *Administrative:* Access to all records is limited to lawful government purposes only, with access to electronic records based on role and either two-factor authentication or password protection. The system requires passwords to be complex and to be changed frequently. Users accessing system records undergo frequent training in Privacy Act and information security requirements. Security and privacy controls are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

- *Technical:* Computerized records systems are safeguarded on Departmental networks configured for role-based access based on job responsibilities and organizational affiliation. Privacy and security controls are in place for this system and are updated in accordance with applicable requirements as determined by NIST and DOE directives and guidance.

- *Physical:* Computer servers on which electronic records are stored are located in secured Department facilities, which are protected by security guards, identification badges, and cameras. Paper copies of all records are locked in file cabinets, file rooms, or offices and are under the control of authorized personnel. Access to these facilities is granted only to authorized personnel and each person granted access to the system must be an individual authorized to use or administer the system.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

The Department follows the procedures outlined in title 10 CFR 1008.4. Valid identification of the

individual making the request is required before information will be processed, given, access granted, or a correction considered, to ensure that information is processed, given, corrected, or records disclosed or corrected only at the request of the proper person.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Any individual may submit a request to the System Manager and request a copy of any records relating to them. In accordance with 10 CFR 1008.11, any individual may appeal the denial of a request made by him or her for information about or for access to or correction or amendment of records. An appeal shall be filed within 90 calendar days after receipt of the denial. When an appeal is filed by mail, the postmark is conclusive as to timeliness. The appeal shall be in writing and must be signed by the individual. The words "PRIVACY ACT APPEAL" should appear in capital letters on the envelope and the letter. Appeals of denials relating to records maintained in government-wide System of Records reported by Office of Personnel Management (OPM), shall be filed, as appropriate, with the Assistant Director for Agency Compliance and Evaluation, OPM, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415. All other appeals relating to DOE records shall be directed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

In accordance with the DOE regulation implementing the Privacy Act, 10 CFR part 1008, a request by an individual to determine if a system of records contains information about themselves should be directed to the U.S. Department of Energy, Headquarters, Privacy Act Officer. The request should include the requester's complete name and the time period for which records are sought.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

This SORN was last published in the **Federal Register**, 74 FR 1026–1028, on January 9, 2009.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on Nov 27, 2024, by Ann Dunkin, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in

compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 26, 2024.

Treana V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG25–43–000.

Applicants: Wild Plains Wind Project, LLC.

Description: Wild Plains Wind Project, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

Filed Date: 11/21/24.

Accession Number: 20241121–5203.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/12/24.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER22–2467–001.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc., Eversource Energy Service Company (as agent), New England Power Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing: Eversource Energy Service Company (as agent) submits tariff filing per 35: Filing Providing Order No. 881 Implementation Details to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5048.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER22–2468–001.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc., New England Power Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., Eversource Energy Service Company (as agent).

Description: Compliance filing: ISO New England Inc. submits tariff filing per 35: Filing Providing Order No. 881 Implementation Details to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5049.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24–2033–001.

Applicants: GridLiance High Plains LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: GHP Order 2023 Further Compliance Filing to be effective 9/1/2024.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5047.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24–2899–002.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment of ER25–2699–001 re: Amendment of GIA SA No. 7337; AF2–238 to be effective 7/29/2024.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5040.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER25–509–000.

Applicants: FirstLight Power Management LLC.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Normal filing 2024 to be effective 1/20/2025.

Filed Date: 11/21/24.

Accession Number: 20241121–5208.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/12/24.

Docket Numbers: ER25–510–000.

Applicants: ISO New England Inc., New England Power Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: ISO New England Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): New England Power d/b/a National Grid 2024 PBOP Refund to be effective 1/21/2025.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5007.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER25–511–000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Original GIA Service Agreement No. 7406; Project Identifier No. AG1–301 to be effective 10/23/2024.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5046.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER25–512–000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Ameren Illinois Company.

Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2024–11–22_SA 4403 Ameren IL-Cumberland Road North Solar E&P (J1744) to be effective 11/23/2024.

Filed Date: 11/22/24.

Accession Number: 20241122–5052.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/13/24.

Docket Numbers: ER25–513–000.