

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. DOE, Office of Science (SC), has chosen to leverage the use of Government, Off-the-Shelf (GOTS) software capabilities to implement a new consolidated system called Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS).

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before February 23, 2015. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202–395–4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Marina Amoroso, Program Management Specialist, Office of Information Technology and Services, Germantown Building; Room E–180, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290, Email: marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Marina Amoroso by email at marina.amoroso@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section contains the following information about the information collection submitted to OMB for review: (1) OMB No. New; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) Submissions for Letter of Intent (LOI), Pre-proposals, Interagency Proposals, and DOE National Laboratory Proposals; System Registration by External Users. (3) Type of Request: New collection; (4) Purpose: This new system is based on the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Electronic Handbooks software. Discretionary financial assistance proposals continue to be collected using Grants.gov but are imported into PAMS for use by the program offices. Under the proposed information collection, an external interface will be implemented in PAMS to allow two other types of proposal submission: DOE National

Laboratories will be able to submit proposals for technical work authorizations directly into PAMS, while other Federal Agencies will be able to submit Proposals for interagency awards directly into PAMS. External users from all institution types will be able to submit Solicitation Letters of Intent and Pre-proposals directly into PAMS. All applicants, whether they submitted through Grants.gov or PAMS, will be able to register with PAMS to view the proposals that were submitted. They will also be able to maintain a minimal amount of information in their personal profile. The proposed collection will automate and streamline the submission, tracking, and correspondence portions of financial award pre-review processes. The information collected will be used by DOE to select applicants and projects for financial awards. (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: The following numbers are calculated using the average of the number of financial assistance proposals received in fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2010. 9,920 PAMS registrants, who are to include 8,000 submitters of lab proposals, interagency proposals, pre-proposals, and Letters Of Intent (LOI) (assuming one person per estimated submission) and 1,920 reviewers of proposals submitted through Grants.gov. (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: The Office of Science receives about 1,000 DOE national laboratory and interagency proposals per year, based on a five-year average of estimated submission numbers (fiscal year 2006 through fiscal year 2010) and about 7,000 pre-proposals and letters of intent per year, based on an estimate of about 200 per solicitation and the number of solicitations per year (about 35, based on a five-year average between fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2010); (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: The time it takes to complete a form depends upon the type of form being completed. External users will need to register with PAMS in order to access the system. It takes approximately 30 minutes for external users to complete the forms required to become a registered PAMS user. Both LOI and pre-proposal forms take 15 minutes each, whereas completing a lab/interagency proposal will take about 2 hours. The reviewers require about 1 hour of analysis, per submission. Based on the annual estimated number of responses, broken down by DOE national laboratory, letter of intent and pre-proposal, the annual estimated time required for reviewers to complete analysis or responses and the time

required for external users to register with PAMS, the estimated annual number of burden hours is 10,630.

Total number of unduplicated respondents: 9,920.

Reports filed per person: 1.

Total annual responses: 9,920.

Total annual burden hours: 10,630.

(8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$0.

Statutory Authority

Section 641 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7251, authorizes the DOE to collect, use, and retain information that is mandatory for the financial awards process. All information comes from proposals, reviews, and reports that are submitted to the DOE by authorized external users (*i.e.*, scientists and research administrators).

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Marina Amoroso,

Deputy Project Manager for Information Technology and Services, Office of Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator or Foreign Utility Company Status

	Docket Nos.
Binghamton BOP LLC	EG15–1–000
Lost Hills Solar, LLC	EG15–2–000
Blackwell Solar, LLC	EG15–3–000
Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC	EG15–4–000
Sky Global Power One, LLC.	EG15–5–000
Heritage Stoney Corners Wind Farm I, LLC.	EG15–6–000
Western Antelope Blue Sky Ranch A, LLC.	EG15–7–000
Duke Energy Miami Fort, LLC.	EG15–8–000
Duke Energy Zimmer, LLC	EG15–9–000
Spanish Town Estate Solar 1, LLC.	EG15–10–000
Diageo USVI Inc	FC15–1–000

Take notice that during the month of December 2014, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators or Foreign Utility Companies became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a).

Dated: January 15, 2015.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14640-000]

South Maui Pumped Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 20, 2014, South Maui Pumped Storage, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the South Maui Pumped Storage Project (South Maui Project or project) to be located on the Pacific Ocean, in unincorporated Maui County, Hawaii. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following new features: (1) Four 400-foot-long, 200-foot-wide, 50-foot-high oval concrete storage tanks; (2) a 12,000-foot-long, 4.5-foot-diameter buried steel penstock; (3) a 150-foot-long, 68-foot-wide concrete powerhouse; (4) two 15 megawatt (MW) Pelton turbine/generators; (5) three 10 MW multi-stage variable speed pumps; (6) an approximately 400-foot-wide, 450-foot-long tailrace/forebay;¹ (7) a 12,000-foot-long, 4.5-foot-diameter buried steel supply pipeline; (8) two 28-kilovolt transmission lines totaling 8,000 feet long, interconnecting with the existing Sempra Gas and Power-owned Auwahi wind turbine transmission line; (9) a 5.6-mile-long paved access road; and (10) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the South Maui Project would be 5.2 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: Mr. Bart O'Keefe, United Power Corporation, P.O. Box

1916, Discovery Bay, California 94505; phone: (510) 634-1550.

FERC Contact: Sean O'Neill; phone: (202) 502-6462.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-14640-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14640) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD14-14-000]

Price Formation in Energy and Ancillary Services Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators; Notice Inviting Post-Technical Workshop Comments

On September 8, October 28, and December 9, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) staff conducted a series of technical workshops to evaluate issues regarding

price formation in the energy and ancillary services markets operated by Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) and Independent System Operators (ISOs) (RTOs/ISOs).

All interested persons are invited to file post-technical workshop comments on any or all of the questions listed in the attachment to this Notice. We emphasize that commenters need not answer all of the questions. Commenters should organize responses consistent with the structure of the attached questions and take care to identify to which RTO/ISO the comment applies. Commenters are also invited to reference material previously filed in this docket, including technical workshop transcripts. These comments must be filed with the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 19, 2015.

For more information about this Notice, please contact:

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Secretary.

Post-Technical Conference Questions for Comment

The goals of proper price formation are to: Maximize market surplus for consumers and suppliers; provide correct incentives for parties to follow commitment and dispatch instructions, make efficient investments in facilities and equipment, and maintain reliability; provide transparency so that market participants understand how prices reflect the actual marginal cost of serving load and the operational constraints of reliably operating the system; and ensure that all suppliers have an opportunity to recover their costs. With proper price formation, the RTO/ISO would ideally not need to commit any additional resources beyond those resources scheduled economically through the market processes, and load would reduce consumption in response to price signals such that market prices would reflect the value of electricity consumption without the need to curtail load administratively.

¹ The tailrace/forebay would be a small constructed inlet from the Pacific Ocean. Flows from the turbines would discharge into the tailrace/forebay. Return flows for filling of the storage tanks would be pumped from the tailrace/forebay.