(44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by November 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mailed to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–5806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment.

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 respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 28, 2009.

Angela C. Arrington,

Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Emergency. Title: Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS:11) and Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS:11).

Abstract: NCES seeks OMB approval for Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2011 and the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2011, both coordinated by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). TIMSS is administered every four years in more than 60 countries and provides data for internationally benchmarking U.S. performance in mathematics and science at the fourth- and eighth-grade levels against other countries around the world. PIRLS is administered every five years in more than 50 countries and provides assessment data for internationally benchmarking U.S. performance in fourth-grade reading. The international field test for the two studies will begin on March 1, 2010, and the full scale collection in April-May 2011. The Department is seeking emergency processing for the recruitment and field test activities for this collection. The collection for the full-scale study will be submitted at the later date under the normal clearance process.

Additional Information: NCES is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve on an emergency basis the PIRLS/TIMSS March-April 2010 field test, including recruitment of selected schools, school districts, and State education agencies for the field test starting in November 2009. In order to have a reasonable chance to meet the minimum number of schools for the PIRLS and TIMSS field test and to conduct a valid field test including of the response rates under the proposed joint sampling plan, NCES must initiate contact with states and school districts as soon as possible after it receives the list of sample schools chosen by the IEA, in early November.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 6,739. Burden Hours: 5,783.

Requests for 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 4148. 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 the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401–0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov*. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

State Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Teleconference

AGENCY: Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of open teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: October 21, 2009, 2 to 3 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Office of Commercialization and Project Management, Energy Efficiency Division, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303–275–4801.

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 ways STEAB can support DOE's

implementation of the Economic Recovery Act, review details of the upcoming November Board Meeting in Raleigh, NC, and update members on the Board's routine business matters.

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 Gary Burch 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.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site, http://www.steab.org.

Issued at Washington, DC, on September 24, 2009.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. E9–23682 Filed 9–30–09; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 271-128]

Entergy Arkansas, Inc.; Notice of Application for Amendment of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

September 24, 2009.

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

- a. Application Type: Amendment of license.
 - b. Project No: 271-128.
 - c. Date Filed: July 30, 2009.
 - d. Applicant: Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
- e. *Name of Project:* Carpenter-Remmel Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: Lakes Hamilton and Catherine on the Quachita River in Hot Springs and Garland Counties, Arkansas.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a—825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Blake Hogue, (501) 844–2197.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Mark Carter, (202)
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: October 26, 2009.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all interveners filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, it must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of any motion to intervene must also be served upon each representative of the Applicant specified in the particular application.

k. Description of Request: Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (licensee) requests a license amendment that would delegate authority for dredging and excavation activities to the licensee, for up to 500 cubic yards of material. Prior to filing of the application, the licensee consulted with the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3372 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h)

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to

take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Any filings must bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE", as applicable, and the Project Number of the particular application to which the filing refers.

p. Agency Comments: Federal, State, and local agencies are invited to file comments on the described application. A copy of the application may be obtained by agencies directly from the Applicant. If an agency does not file comments within the time specified for filing comments, it will be presumed to have no comments. One copy of an agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

q. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ferc.gov under the "e-Filing" link.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

September 24, 2009.

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

Docket Numbers: EC09–72–000. Applicants: MACH Gen, LLC, Merrill Lynch GENCO II, LLC.

Description: Notice of Disposition of Jurisdictional Facilities of Merrill Lynch Genco II, LLC.

Filed Date: 09/23/2009.

Accession Number: 20090923–5050.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, October 14, 2009.

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

Docket Numbers: ER01–313–011; ER01–424–011.

Applicants: California Independent System Operator Corporation; Pacific Gas and Electric Company.