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Dated: March 29, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Final Waiver and Extension of the Project Period for the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Final waiver and extension of the project period.

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.370A.]

**SUMMARY:** For projects funded under the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP), the Secretary: (1) Waives the requirements of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations that generally prohibit project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds; and (2) extends the project period for the current OSP grantee for up to an additional 24 months under the existing program authority. This waiver and extension will enable the Department to provide continuation awards to the current OSP grantee through FY 2019 under the existing program authority.

**DATES:** As of May 3, 2018, the waiver and extension of the project period are finalized.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna Hinton, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, room 4W229, Washington, DC 20202.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 24, 2018, the Department published a notice in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 3336) proposing to waive the requirements of 34 CFR 75.261(a) and (c)(2) that generally prohibit project period extensions involving the obligation of additional Federal funds. In that notice, the Secretary also proposed to extend the OSP project period for up to an additional 24 months, to enable the Department to provide continuation awards to the current OSP grantee through FY 2019 under the existing program authority.

That notice contained background information and our reasons for proposing the waiver and extension of the project period. This notice makes the waiver and extension of the project period final. Any activities carried out during the period of an OSP continuation award will have to be consistent with, or a logical extension of, the scope, goals, and objectives of the grantee's application as approved in the FY 2015 OSP competition and the ensuing cooperative agreement. The requirements applicable to continuation awards for this competition set forth in the 2015 notice inviting applications (80 FR 9448) and the requirements in 34 CFR 75.253 will apply to any continuation awards sought by the current OSP grantee. The Department will not announce a new competition or make new awards in FY 2018 and FY 2019.

**Public Comment:** In response to our invitation in the proposed waiver and extension, we received two comments. Generally, the Department does not address technical and other minor changes. In addition, the Department does not address general comments that raise concerns not directly related to the proposed waiver and extension.

There are no substantive differences between the proposed waiver and extension and the final waiver and extension.

### Analysis of Comments and Discussion

**Comments:** One commenter supported the proposed waiver and extension of the OSP project period, and one commenter opposed the proposed action. The commenters provided various reasons for their positions.

An anonymous commenter stated that the administration of the OSP should

remain the responsibility of the current grantee until there is a justifiable reason to identify another. The commenter further stated that selection of a new grantee should always coincide with the reauthorization of the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act.

One commenter, a coalition of more than 50 organizations devoted to the support of public schools, opposed the proposed waiver and extension. The commenter cited concerns with the current and prior grantees' administration of the program; and challenged the Department's assumptions regarding a qualified and interested applicant pool to compete for the grant. For these reasons, the commenter states that the Department should hold a competition in FY 2018.

**Discussion:** The Department appreciates the commenters' feedback. Under the SOAR Act, the Department is responsible for administration of the OSP and oversight of the OSP grantee. Based on the Department's experience working with the current OSP grantee, the Department believes that extending the current grantee's project will create stability and continuity by: (1) Permitting the current grantee to fully implement the new recruitment and marketing strategies designed to significantly increase scholarship usage rates; and (2) aligning the next OSP competition with the next anticipated reauthorization of the SOAR Act. Additionally, based on the Department's current experience administering and overseeing the OSP and the number of qualified applicants in past competitions, the Department does not believe that another eligible organization with capacity to administer this program is interested in doing so.

**Changes:** None.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

The Secretary certifies that the final waiver and extension and the activities required to support additional months of funding will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The small entity that will be affected by this final waiver and extension is the FY 2015 grantee, the non-profit organization currently receiving Federal funds under the OSP. This final waiver and extension will not have a significant economic impact on this entity because the activities required to support the additional year(s) of funding will not impose excessive regulatory burdens or require unnecessary Federal supervision. The waiver will impose minimal requirements to ensure the proper expenditure of program funds,

including requirements that are standard for continuation awards.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice of final waiver and extension does not contain any information collection requirements.

#### Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

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**Margo K. Anderson,**

*Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2018-ICCD-0036]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Pre-Authorized Debit Account Brochure and Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 4, 2018.

**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-2018-ICCD-0036. 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. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those 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 Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 216-34, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), 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. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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:** U.S. Department of Education Pre-Authorized Debit Account Brochure and Application.

**OMB Control Number:** 1845-0025.

**Type of Review:** An extension of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 1,667.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 138.

**Abstract:** The Pre-authorized Debit Account Brochure and Application (PDA Application) serves as the means by which an individual with a defaulted federal education debt (student loan or grant overpayment) that is held by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) requests and authorizes the automatic debiting of payments toward satisfaction of the debt from the borrower's checking or savings account. The PDA Application explains the automatic debiting process and collects the individual's authorization for the automatic debiting and the bank account information needed by ED to debit the individual's account.

Dated: March 29, 2018.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

**Docket Numbers:** EC18-77-000.

**Applicants:** Cabazon Wind Partners, LLC, Rock River I, LLC, Whitewater Hill Wind Partners, LLC.

**Description:** Application for Authorization for Disposition of