

and (3) provide an Adaptive Management Plan for upstream and downstream fish passage.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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 (*i.e.*, P-3472). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "PRESCRIPTIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Aspinook Hydro must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) A copy of the water quality certification (certification); (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of certification. Please note that the certification request must comply with 40 CFR 121.5(b), including documentation that a pre-

filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. Please also note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

o. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions.	December 2021.
Deadline for filing reply comments.	January 2022.

p. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

Dated: October 6, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER22-16-000]

#### **Pattersonville Solar, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization**

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Pattersonville Solar, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket

authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 25, 2021.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R09-OAR-2021-0648; FRL-9096-03-R9]

#### **Adequacy Status of Post-Attainment Year Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan for South Coast, California**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of adequacy.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying the public that the Agency has found that the motor vehicle emissions budgets (“budgets”) for the year 2020 in the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the 2006 fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in the Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin “Serious” nonattainment area (“South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan”) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) submitted the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan to the EPA on April 27, 2017, as a revision to the California State

Implementation Plan (SIP). Upon the effective date of this notice of adequacy, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must use the adequate budgets in future transportation conformity analyses.

**DATES:** This finding is effective October 28, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ginger Vagenas, EPA, Region IX, Air Division AIR-2, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901; (415) 972-3964 or [vagenas.ginger@epa.gov](mailto:vagenas.ginger@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Throughout this document, whenever “we,” “us,” or “our” is used, we mean the EPA.

Today’s notice is simply an announcement of a finding that we have

already made. By letter dated September 28, 2021, EPA Region IX notified CARB that the budgets in the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan for the reasonable further progress (RFP) post-attainment milestone year of 2020 are adequate.<sup>1</sup> The finding is available at EPA’s conformity website: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation/conformity-adequacy-review-region-9>. We announced the availability of the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan and related 2020 budgets on the EPA’s transportation conformity website on April 16, 2021. We received no comments in response to the adequacy review posting. The adequate motor vehicle emissions budgets are provided in the following table:

**ADEQUATE MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS IN SOUTH COAST 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> SERIOUS AREA PLAN**  
[Annual average, tons per day]

Budget year	Directly emitted fine particulate matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	Volatile organic compounds (VOC)
2020 .....	20	152	77

Transportation conformity is required by Clean Air Act section 176(c). The EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and projects conform to SIPs and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they do conform.<sup>2</sup> Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the NAAQS.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP’s budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4), which was promulgated in our August 15, 1997 final rule.<sup>3</sup> We further described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in our July 1, 2004 final rule<sup>4</sup> and we used the information in these resources in making the adequacy determination announced in this notice.

The EPA approved the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan on February 12, 2019.<sup>5</sup> In that action, we approved the budgets for the 2017 RFP

year and the 2019 attainment year. We also approved a trading mechanism for transportation conformity analyses that allows future decreases in NO<sub>x</sub> from on-road mobile sources to offset any on-road increases in PM<sub>2.5</sub>, based on specified trading ratios.<sup>6</sup> The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) indicated that the trading mechanism was included in the 2016 AQMP for approval by the EPA for use by SCAG in conformity determinations for the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS for analysis years after the attainment year of 2019.<sup>7</sup>

Consistent with the requirements set out in our implementation rule for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS,<sup>8</sup> we did not act on the RFP budget for the post-attainment year of 2020 when we approved the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan. As we noted in our proposed approval of the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan, it is not necessary to demonstrate conformity for 2020 or to use the 2020 budgets until such time as the area fails to attain the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

On September 16, 2020, the EPA determined that the Los Angeles-South

Coast Air Basin had failed to attain the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS by its December 31, 2019 attainment date.<sup>9</sup> Because of that failure to attain, we evaluated the submitted budgets for 2020 in the South Coast 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Serious Area Plan to determine whether they are adequate for conformity purposes.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 93.104(e), within two years of the effective date of this notice, SCAG and the DOT will need to demonstrate conformity. For demonstrating conformity to the budgets in this plan, the on-road motor vehicle emissions from implementation of the transportation plan or program should be projected consistently with the budgets in this plan, *i.e.*, by taking the emissions results derived from CARB’s EMFAC model (short for Emission FACTor) and then rounding the emissions up to the nearest ton. The previously approved trading mechanism may be used in connection with the new budgets.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Elizabeth Adams, Director, Air and Radiation Division, EPA Region IX, to Richard Corey, Executive Officer, CARB.

<sup>2</sup> 40 CFR part 93, subpart A.

<sup>3</sup> 62 FR 43780, 43781-43783.

<sup>4</sup> 69 FR 40004, 40038.

<sup>5</sup> 84 FR 3305.

<sup>6</sup> 83 FR 49872, 49891-49894 (October 3, 2018).

<sup>7</sup> Letter dated March 14, 2018, from Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources, SCAQMD, to Amy Zimpfer, Associate Director, Air Division, EPA

Region IX, regarding trading ratios among PM<sub>2.5</sub> precursors.

<sup>8</sup> “Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: State Implementation Plan Requirements Rule,” 81 FR 58010 (August 24, 2016).

<sup>9</sup> 85 FR 57733.

Dated: October 5, 2021.

**Deborah Jordan,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OMS-2021-0325; FRL- 9068-01-OMS]

### Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A-11, Section 280 Implementation) (EPA ICR Number 2687.01, OMB Control Number 2030-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is request for approval of a new collection. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 13, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OMS-2021-0325 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toni Krasnic, Customer Advocacy and Communications Division, Office of Customer Advocacy, Policy and Portfolio Management, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania

Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-0984; email address: [krasnic.toni@epa.gov](mailto:krasnic.toni@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** Creating a modern, streamlined and responsive customer experience means: Raising government-wide customer experience to the average of the private sector service industry; developing indicators for high-impact Federal programs to monitor progress towards excellent customer experience and mature digital services; and providing the structure (including increasing transparency) and resources to ensure customer experience is a focal point for agency leadership. To support this, OMB Circular A-11 Section 280 established government-wide standards for mature customer experience organizations in government and measurement. To enable Federal programs to deliver the experience

taxpayers deserve, they must undertake three general categories of activities: Conduct ongoing customer research, gather and share customer feedback, and test services and digital products.

These data collection efforts may be either qualitative or quantitative in nature or may consist of mixed methods. Additionally, data may be collected via a variety of means, including but not limited to electronic or social media, direct or indirect observation (i.e., in person, video and audio collections), interviews, questionnaires, surveys, and focus groups. EPA will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses. Steps will be taken to ensure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered by this request.

The results of the data collected will be used to improve the delivery of Federal services and programs. It will include the creation of personas, customer journey maps, and reports and summaries of customer feedback data and user insights. It will also provide government-wide data on customer experience that can be displayed on [performance.gov](http://performance.gov) to help build transparency and accountability of Federal programs to the customers they serve.

EPA will collect this information by electronic means when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone, technical discussions, and in-person interviews. EPA may also utilize observational techniques to collect this information.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Collections will be targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future. For the purposes of this request, "customers" are individuals, businesses, and organizations that interact with a Federal Government agency or program, either directly or via a Federal contractor. This could include individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal governments; Federal government; and Universities.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Voluntary.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 2,001,550 (total).

**Frequency of response:** Varies.

**Total estimated burden:** 101,125 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$0 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.