

services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that Italy can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to Italy.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0145]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLs:09)—Third Follow-Up

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2024-SCC-0145. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments 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 Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 4C210, Washington, DC 20202-1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, 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. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department 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: High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLs:09)—Third Follow-Up.

OMB Control Number: 1850-0852.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households. **Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 11,600.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,933.

Abstract: The High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLs:09) is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the U.S. Department of Education. The HSLs:09 base-year data collection took place in the 2009-10

school year, with a randomly selected sample of fall-term 9th-graders in more than 900 public and private high schools with both 9th and 11th grades. This fall 2009 cohort of 9th graders has been followed over time, with follow-up interviews in spring 2012 and summer-fall 2013 and a collection of administrative records (such as high school transcripts). HSLs:09 data allows researchers, educators, and policymakers to examine motivation, achievement, and persistence in STEM (as well as non-STEM) coursetaking and careers. More generally, HSLs:09 data will allow researchers from a variety of disciplines to examine issues of college entry, persistence and success, and how changes in young people's lives and their connections with communities, schools, teachers, families, parents, and friends affect these decisions.

This request is to conduct the third follow-up of the High School Longitudinal Study of 2009 (HSLs:09). This submission includes materials and justification for the HSLs:09 third follow-up and includes approximately 23,000 sample members who were in 9th grade in 2009 during the base-year data collection. Most of the data for the third follow-up will be obtained by administrative data matching. Sample members will also be invited to complete a brief web survey. In addition to supporting statements, this submission includes: a membership list of the Technical Review Panel (TRP) (appendix A); a description of the confidentiality procedures in place for the administrative record matching (appendix B); study communication materials (appendix C); and the survey instrument (appendix D).

This submission covers HSLs:09 third follow-up materials and procedures required for administering a brief survey for sample members and administrative records matching. This submission is designed to adequately justify the need for and overall practical utility of the third follow-up study, presenting the plan for the data collection and providing as much detail about the measures to be used as is available at the time of this submission. For this full-scale study NCES will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** allowing for an initial 60-day public comment period and then an additional 30-day public comment period.

Dated: December 16, 2024.

Juliana Pearson,

PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA–520]

Application for Authorization To Export Electric Energy; XTS LLC

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: XTS LLC (the Applicant or XTS) has applied for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before January 21, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janessa Zucchetto, (240) 474–8226, Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 CFR 205.300 *et seq.*). Sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)) transferred this regulatory authority, previously exercised by the now-defunct Federal Power Commission, to DOE.

Section 202(e) of the FPA provides that an entity which seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing that export (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) under Redesignation Order No. S3–DEL–GD1–2023.

On November 19, 2024, XTS filed an application for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico for a term of five years. App. at 1.

According to the Application, XTS is a power marketer “authorized to do business in the State of Texas as a

limited liability company that participates in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas[.]” *Id.* XTS states that it purchases and sells electricity and ancillary services to customers. *Id.* The Applicant has applied for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) market-based rate authority and “will obtain any and all other regulatory approvals required in order to carry out any electricity exports.” *Id.* at 4 & Attachment 2.

The Applicant states it “does not currently own or control electric generation or transmission facilities and does not have a power supply of its own in the United States that would cause its electricity exports to have a reliability, fuel use, or system stability impact.” App. at 3. XTS represents that it “will purchase the electricity that it may export, on either a firm or an interruptible basis, from wholesale generators, electric utilities, federal power marketing agencies, and affiliates through negotiated agreements that have been voluntarily executed by the selling parties after considering their own need for any such electricity.” *Id.* at 3. XTS asserts its transactions will comply with all North American Reliability Corporation requirements and the export limits imposed by DOE. *See id.* at 4. For these reasons, XTS states that its “proposed electricity exports will not impair or tend to impede the sufficiency of electric power supplies in the United States or the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operations.” *Id.*

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. *See* App. at Exhibit C.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning XTS's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA–520. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Pedro Escudero y Ramirez de Arellano, XTS LLC, Javier Barros Sierra, 540 Park Plaza I Piso 1, Alvaro Obregon, CDMX, Mexico 01210,

escuderop@xiix.mx, and Frederick Jauss IV, Husch Blackwell LLP, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20006, fred.jauss@huschblackwell.com.

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

Copies of this Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/pending-applications-0> or by emailing Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 13, 2024, by Maria Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, 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 December 16, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA–171–F]

Application for Renewal of Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Powerex Corp.

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Powerex Corp. (the Applicant or Powerex) has applied for renewal of authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before January 21, 2025.