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**Kimberly Hardy,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0073]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2023-24 (ECLS-K:2024) Preschool Round Removal Change Request

**AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a no material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 11, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202-245-6347 or email [NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov](mailto:NCES.Information.Collections@ed.gov).

**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:** Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2023-24 (ECLS-K:2024) Preschool Round Removal Change Request.

**OMB Control Number:** 1850-0750.

**Type of Review:** No material or nonsubstantive change of a currently approved information collection.

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

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 46,033.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 8,655.

**Abstract:** The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS) program, conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), draws together information from multiple sources to provide rich, descriptive data on child development, early learning, and school progress. The ECLS program studies deliver national data on children's status at birth and at various points thereafter; children's transitions to nonparental care, early care and education programs, and school; and children's experiences and growth through the elementary grades. The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2022-23 (ECLS-K:2023) is the fourth cohort in the series of early childhood longitudinal studies. The study will advance research in child development and early learning by providing a detailed and comprehensive source of

current information on children's early learning and development, transitions into kindergarten and beyond, and progress through school. Collecting parent data beginning in preschool will enable the study to measure influences on children's development before entry into formal schooling, including children's home environments and access to early care and education. The request to conduct a field test of the ECLS-K:2023 preschool data collection activities from January through October 2020, to field test the preschool data collection materials and procedures, was approved in November 2019 (OMB# 1850-0750 v.19), with change requests approved in January and July 2020 (OMB #1850-0750 v.20-21). In April 2021, OMB approved a one year study delay (OMB #1850-0750 v.22), and the study is now the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Class of 2023-24 (ECLS-K:2024). This request is to notify OMB and the public that, following analysis of the results of the preschool field test that was carried out in 2020, NCES has decided not to go forward with the national ECLS-K: 2024 preschool round in spring 2023. No other planned procedures or features of the study will change. Approval for the fall 2022 kindergarten-first grade field test and national study recruitment will be requested in a separate submission later in 2021.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*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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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Charter Renewals

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee charter renewals.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the purpose of this notice is to announce that the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has renewed the charters for the Board of Advisors, the Standards Board, and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee for a two-year period through April 13, 2023. The Board of Advisors, the Standards Board, and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee are federal advisory committees under the

Federal Advisory Committee Act and created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

**DATES:** Renewed through April 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001.

*To Obtain a Copy of the Charters:* A complete copy of the Charters are available from the EAC in electronic format. An electronic copy can be downloaded in PDF format on the EAC's website, <http://www.eac.gov>. In order to obtain a paper copy of the Charters, please mail your request to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission FACA Boards Management at 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions there are delays in processing mailed requests and responses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kevin Rayburn, General Counsel, at 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 301-563-3919. Email: [facaboards@eac.gov](mailto:facaboards@eac.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board of Advisors, the Standards Board, and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee are federal advisory committees created by statute whose mission is to advise the EAC through review of the voluntary voting systems guidelines, review of voluntary guidance, and review of best practices recommendations. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, this notice advises interested persons of the renewal of these Charters.

**Amanda Joiner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC21-23-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725V); Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

(Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collection, FERC-725V, Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due July 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC21-23-000) by one of the following methods:

Electronic filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>, is preferred.

- **Electronic Filing:** Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery:

- *Mail via U.S. Postal Service Only:*

Addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- *Hand (including courier) Delivery:*

Deliver to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance, contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** FERC-725V, Mandatory Reliability Standards: COM Reliability Standards.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0277.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-725V information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** On August 15, 2016, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval, pursuant to section 215(d)(1) of the Federal Power Act ("FPA")<sup>1</sup> and Section 39.5<sup>2</sup> of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, for

Reliability Standard COM-001-3 (Communications), the associated Implementation Plan, retirement of currently-effective Reliability Standard COM-001-2.1, and Violation Risk Factors ("VRFs") and Violation Severity Levels ("VSLs") associated with new Requirements R12 and R13 in Reliability Standard COM-001-3. Reliability Standard COM-001-3 reflects revisions developed under Project 2015-07 Internal Communications Capabilities, in compliance with the Commission's directive in Order No. 888 that NERC "develop modifications to COM-001-2, or develop a new standard, to address the Commission's concerns regarding ensuring the adequacy of internal communications capability whenever internal communications could directly affect the reliability opera.

Reliability Standards COM-001-3 and COM-002-4 do not require responsible entities to file information with the Commission. COM-001-3 requires that transmission operators, balancing authorities, reliability coordinators, distribution providers, and generator operators must maintain documentation of Interpersonal Communication capability and designation of Alternate Interpersonal Communication, as well as evidence of testing of the Alternate Interpersonal Communication facilities. COM-002-4 requires balancing authorities, distribution providers, reliability coordinators, transmission operators, and generator operators to develop and maintain documented communication protocols, and to be able to provide evidence of training on the protocols and of their annual assessment of the protocols. Additionally, all applicable entities (balancing authorities, reliability coordinators, transmission operators, generator operators, and distribution providers) must be able to provide evidence of three-part communication when issuing or receiving an Operating Instruction during an Emergency.

**Type of Respondents:** Public utilities.

**Estimate of Annual Burden:**<sup>3</sup> The Commission estimates the annual public reporting burden for the information collection as:

<sup>3</sup> The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, reference 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.

<sup>1</sup> 16 U.S.C. 824o (2012).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 39.5 (2015).