

legislative and executive branches of government have come together to offer relief to those individuals and industries affected by the COVID-19 virus under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Pub. L. 116–136) authorized on March 27, 2020, and expanded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund) awards grants to Governors (States) and Outlying Areas for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), institutions of higher education, and other education-related entities with emergency assistance as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. This information collection includes annual reporting requirements to comply with the requirements of the GEER program and obtain information on how the funds were used by State and Local Education Agencies, institutions of higher education, and other education-related entities. On 2/10/2022, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the emergency collection which included two additional questions to address the expenditure of GEER funds directly by the Governor's office (or another entity, such as the SEA, designated as the administrator of the GEER fund by the Governor's office). The Department is now requesting approval for a three-year clearance. There is no change from the emergency collection except for clarifying changes. To view the recently approved questions, please refer to Attachment A.

Dated: April 25, 2022.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED–2022–SCC–0055]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application Package for Grants Under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) (1894–0001)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 31, 2022.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Bernadette Hence, 202–453–7913.

**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:** Application Package for Grants Under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) (1894–0001).

**OMB Control Number:** 1840–0109.

**Type of Review:** An extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments; Private Sector.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 150.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 24,000.

**Abstract:** The purpose of the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) is to effect long-range improvement in science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific and technological careers. MSEIP supports the Federal Government's efforts to improve and expand the scientific and technological capacity of the United States and to support its technological and economic competitiveness.

This application package includes program background, application instructions, and forms needed to submit a complete application to the Department of Education.

This collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894–0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.

Dated: April 25, 2022.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### **Sunshine Act Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Sunshine Act notice; notice of public meeting agenda.

**SUMMARY:** Public Meeting: U.S. Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors Annual Meeting.

**DATES:** Monday, May 16, 2022, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern.

**ADDRESSES:** Virtual via Zoom.

The meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpN6i0g2rlF4ITWhwvBwwZw>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose:* In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct a virtual annual meeting of the Board of Advisors to discuss EAC updates and upcoming programs, and discuss the implementation of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.0 and electronic poll book pilot program next steps, as well as threats against election officials.

*Agenda:* The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Board of Advisors will hold their 2022 Annual Meeting primarily to discuss next steps regarding the VMSG 2.0 and implementation, the status of the EAC's e-poll book pilot program, and threats against election officials. This meeting will include a question-and-answer discussion between board members and EAC staff.

Board members will also review FACA Board membership guidelines and policies with EAC Acting General Counsel and receive a general update about the EAC programming. The Board will also elect three members to the Executive Board Committee and consider proposed changes to the bylaws.

*Background:* On February 10, 2021 the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) announced the adoption of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VMSG) 2.0; the VMSG 2.0 is the fifth iteration of national level voting system standards. On April 5, 2022, the EAC adopted the VMSG Lifecycle Policy as part of the implementation process.

The Federal Election Commission published the first two sets of federal standards in 1990 and 2002. The EAC then adopted Version 1.0 of the VMSG on December 13, 2005. In an effort to update and improve version 1.0 of the VMSG, on March 31, 2015, the EAC commissioners unanimously approved VMSG 1.1.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kristen Muthig, Telephone: (202) 897–9285, Email: [kmuthig@eac.gov](mailto:kmuthig@eac.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 2740–053]**

**Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Applications, Filing of Pre-Application Document (Pad), Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests, and Virtual Public Scoping Meetings and Virtual Environmental Site Reviews**

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application for New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2740–053.

c. *Date Filed:* February 23, 2022.

d. *Submitted By:* Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke Energy).

e. *Name of Project:* Bad Creek Pumped Storage Project (Bad Creek Project).

f. *Location:* Oconee County, South Carolina.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR part 5 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Licensee Contact:* Alan Stuart, Licensing Manager, Duke Energy, Mail Code EC–12Q 526 S. Church Street, Charlotte, NC 28202; (803) 640–8765; [alan.stuart@duke-energy.com](mailto:alan.stuart@duke-energy.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Navreet Deo at (202) 502–6304, or email at [navreet.deo@ferc.gov](mailto:navreet.deo@ferc.gov).

j. *Cooperating agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item o below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental

document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC 61,076 (2001).

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and (b) the State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Duke Energy as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Duke Energy filed with the Commission a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule), pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. 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 via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number(s), excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. 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, and continued on February 24, 2021. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. With this notice, we are soliciting comments on the PAD and Commission staff's Scoping Document 1 (SD1), as well as study requests. All comments on the PAD and SD1, and study requests should be sent to the address above in paragraph h. In addition, all comments on the PAD and SD1, study requests, requests for cooperating agency status, and all communications to and from Commission staff related to the merits of