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Dated: March 6, 2009.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program: Alternative Documentation of Income.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 405,577.

Burden Hours: 81,115.

Abstract: This form serves as the means by which a borrower who is repaying Direct Loan Program loans under the Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) Plan or the Income-Based Repayment (IBR) Plan grants permission for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to provide the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) with a borrower's tax return information so that the Department can determine borrower eligibility and monthly loan payment amount for the ICR and IBR Plans. Under Direct Loan Program regulations, a borrower's tax information is used to calculate the monthly loan payment amount under the ICR and IBR plans.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3977. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 11, 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

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.

Dated: March 6, 2009.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collections Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Fiscal Operations Report for 2008-2009 and Application to Participate for 2010-2011 (FISAP) and Reallocation Form E40-4P.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; Federal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 5,798.

Burden Hours: 32,693.

Abstract: This application data will be used to compute the amount of funds needed by each school for the 2010-2011 award year. The Fiscal Operations Report data will be used to assess program effectiveness, account for funds expended during the 2008-2009 award year, and as part of the school funding process. The Reallocation form is part of the FISAP on the Web. Schools will use it in the summer to return unexpended funds for 2008-2009 and request supplemental FWS funds for 2009-2010.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 3962. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and hearing agenda (amended).

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. EST (Meeting), 1–3 p.m. EST (Hearing).

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 150, Washington, DC 20005 (*Metro Stop:* Metro Center).

AGENDA: The Commission will hold a public meeting to consider administrative matters. The Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive presentations on the following topic: Voter Registration Databases: Initial Discussion on Reviewing HAVA Mandated Guidance. Members of the public may submit written testimony regarding HAVA mandated guidance on voter registration databases via e-mail at testimony@eac.gov, or via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202–566–3127. Written testimony must be received by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, March 16, 2009. All testimony should have the heading “Testimony on voter registration databases” in the subject/attention line. Members of the public may observe but not participate in EAC meetings unless this notice provides otherwise. Members of the public may use small electronic audio recording devices to record the proceedings. The use of other recording equipment and cameras requires advance notice to and coordination with the Commission’s Communications Office.*

* View *EAC Regulations Implementing Government in the Sunshine Act*.

This meeting and hearing will be open to the public.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566–3100.

Thomas R. Wilkey,
Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA–343]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 10, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE–20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, 20585–0350 (Fax 202–586–8008).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202–586–9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On July 11, 2008, DOE received an application from Midwest ISO for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. Midwest ISO does not own or operate electric generation, transmission or distribution facilities nor does it have a franchised electric power service territory. Midwest ISO is a not-for-profit, non-stock corporation, a “public utility” under Part II of the FPA, and a “Regional Transmission Organization” (RTO) approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under Order No. 2000, 18 CFR 35.34 *et seq.*

As an RTO, Midwest ISO has authority (referred to as “functional control”) to direct the use of transmission facilities owned, operated, and maintained by transmission owning members of Midwest ISO for the purpose of providing open access non-discriminatory transmission service. In addition, Midwest ISO has administered day-ahead and real-time energy markets with financial transmission rights since April 2005. In its application, Midwest ISO indicated that beginning September 9, 2008 (this was later changed to January 6, 2009) it would administer a market for operating reserves under its Energy and Operating Reserves Markets Tariff (Tariff). In so doing, Midwest ISO became a Balancing Authority registered with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and is

responsible for meeting NERC reliability standards applicable to Balancing Authorities, including the requirement to enter into agreements with neighboring Balancing Authorities for coordination and emergency assistance. These agreements may require Midwest ISO to exchange emergency energy with Canadian counterparties, including Manitoba Hydro and the Independent Electric System Operator (IESO).

Prior to Midwest ISO’s commencing to administer the market for operating reserves, emergency energy had been transmitted into Canada from the Midwest ISO region by one or more Balancing Authorities or Market Participants operating under the Midwest ISO Tariff, pursuant to bilateral agreements between the buyer and seller and pursuant to the terms and conditions of various export authorizations issued by DOE, using international transmission facilities authorized by Presidential permits. Not all of the international transmission facilities at the Canadian border subject to Presidential permits have been transferred to the functional control of Midwest ISO by their owners. Such facilities are not subject to the authority of Midwest ISO as an RTO. However, Midwest ISO, in its capacity as Reliability Coordinator, has the authority to direct actions necessary to preserve the safety and reliability of the Eastern Interconnection, which includes Manitoba Hydro and IESO. To the extent such direction affects such international transmission facilities, it takes into account, and is subject to, the conditions of the applicable Presidential permit.

Effective January 6, 2009, Midwest ISO will be the responsible Balancing Authority for implementing the payback of unscheduled energy flows to the Eastern Interconnection. Unscheduled, or “inadvertent,” energy is the difference between the actual metered energy interchange and the scheduled energy interchange between two adjacent Balancing Authority Areas (previously called “control areas”). Consequently, Midwest ISO may from time to time initiate unilateral payback of unscheduled energy resulting in energy flows across border facilities with the Canadian Balancing Authorities, or Midwest ISO may enter a bilateral schedule for energy exports directly to Manitoba Hydro or the IESO to affect the payback of unscheduled energy to those entities.

Midwest ISO does not take title to electric energy in its market, or to energy transmitted out of its market, including electric energy exported to Canada. Even pursuant to its role as a