

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED–2023–SCC–0060]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; School Pulse Panel 2023–24 Second Quarter Revision****AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 10, 2023.**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245–6347.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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:* School Pulse Panel 2023–24 Second Quarter Revision.*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0975.*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved ICR.*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 53,955.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 10,175.*Abstract:* The School Pulse Panel (SPP) is a data collection originally designed to collect voluntary responses from a nationally representative sample. The School Pulse Panel is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), within the United States Department of Education. Initially, the purpose of the study was to collect extensive real-time data on issues brought to light by the COVID–19 pandemic on students and staff, as well as other important education-related issues that could inform data-driven policy decisions, in U.S. public primary, middle, high, and combined-grade schools and districts. Specifically, this was accomplished by collecting data on, among other things, the percentage of the student body starting the school year behind grade level, the types of learning recovery strategies being implemented and the perceived effectiveness of those strategies, classroom behavioral concerns, mental health services provided, and staffing issues. NCES was able to capture each of these pieces in an expedited fashion and report out findings in a matter of weeks, providing rich information to help tell the full story of what students, staff, and administrators were battling on a daily basis. The success of the quick-turnaround nature of the SPP was a clear indication of the immense value of having a real-time data collection vehicle readily available to capture content on prominent events occurring in the school environment. Therefore, stakeholders and ED leadership have asked NCES to continue this type of data collection methodology for the 2023–24 school year and beyond with content extending beyond COVID–19 pandemic impacts on the education environment.

The package containing the details of the SPP 2023–24 Data Collection (OMB #1850–0975 v.2) went through 60-day and 30-day public comment periods beginning in March 2023, and that primary request was approved in July 2023. Following that approval, items in the September and October questionnaires were modified via a change request (v.3) based on the results of cognitive testing; minor changes to

the communications materials were also modified via this same change request. The current package (v.4) contains the November 2023–January 2024 questionnaires and the full year of communication materials. The November 2023 questionnaire has been finalized but the items in the December 2023 and January 2024 questionnaires were still undergoing cognitive testing at the time of the publication of this 30-day package. A change request (OMB #1850–0803 v.5) will be submitted at the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period for this package to make updates to these instruments, as informed by cognitive testing.

Dated: September 1, 2023.

**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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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket ID ED–2023–FSA–0088]

**Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program****AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990 (Privacy Act) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on the conduct of matching programs, notice is hereby given of the re-establishment of the matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (ED or Department), as the recipient agency, and the Social Security Administration (SSA), as the source agency, to assist the Department in meeting its obligations under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), including to ensure that applicants for title IV, HEA program assistance satisfy eligibility requirements.**DATES:** The period of this matching program is estimated to cover the 12-month period from October 11, 2023, through October 10, 2024. However, the computer matching agreement (CMA) will become applicable at the later of the following two dates: October 11, 2023, or 30 days after the publication of this notice, on September 8, 2023, unless comments have been received

from interested members of the public requiring revision to and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 12 months after the applicable date and may be extended for up to an additional 12 months, if the respective agency Data Integrity Boards (DIBs) determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please contact the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email, or comments submitted after the comment period. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to submit your comments electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under the “FAQ” tab.

*Privacy Note:* The Department’s policy is generally to make comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Therefore, commenters should be careful to include in their comments only information that they wish to make publicly available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerard Duffey, Management and Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Telephone: (215) 656–3249.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Privacy Act; OMB “Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100–503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988,” published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1989 (54 FR 25818); and OMB Circular No. A–108, notice is hereby provided of the re-establishment of the matching program between SSA and ED to assist ED in the verification of Social Security numbers (SSNs), confirmation of

citizenship status as recorded in SSA records, and death indicators (when applicable) of individuals who initiate the steps associated with accessing programs authorized by title IV of the Higher Education Act, or participating in the application process for such assistance, to assist ED in meeting its obligations under title IV of the HEA, including to ensure that applicants for Title IV, HEA program assistance satisfy eligibility requirements.

#### Participating Agencies

ED and SSA.

#### Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

ED’s legal authority to enter into the CMA includes:

- Section 484(p) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(p)) (which will be section 484(o) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(o)) following implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act on July 1, 2024);
- Section 484(g) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1091(g));
- Section 483(a)(12) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(12)) (which will be section 483(a)(2)(B) (20 U.S.C. 1090(a)(2)(B)) following implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act);
- Section 428B(f) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1078–2(f));
- Sections 427, 432, 451, 483, and 484 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1077, 1082, 1087a, 1090, and 1091); and
- Subsection (b)(3) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)).

SSA is authorized to participate in the matching program under section 1106 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306) and the regulations promulgated pursuant to that section (20 CFR part 401), and subsection (b)(3) the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3)). Section 7213 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 provides SSA authority to add a death indicator to verification routines that SSA determines to be appropriate.

#### Purpose(s)

The CMA establishes the terms, safeguards, and procedures under which the SSA will provide to ED SSN verification, citizenship status as recorded in SSA records, and death indicators (when applicable) of individuals who initiate the steps associated with accessing programs authorized by title IV of the HEA, or participating in the application process for such assistance, to assist ED in meeting its obligations under title IV of the HEA, including to ensure that applicants for title IV, HEA program assistance satisfy eligibility requirements.

#### Categories of Individuals

Under the CMA, ED will send to SSA records on individuals who apply for Federal student financial assistance through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and on individuals who initiate the steps associated with accessing programs administered under the authority of title IV of the HEA. These individuals also include the parents of dependent students and applicants for Federal PLUS loans.

Under the CMA, SSA will match ED’s records to its files on each individual who has applied for, and obtained, an SSN.

#### Categories of Records

The specific data elements that ED will transmit to SSA are: SSN, first name, last name, and date of birth (DOB).

SSA’s system of records involved in the matching program maintains information required to apply for, and obtain, an SSN. The specific data elements that SSA will send back to ED include: SSN, first name, last name, DOB, and an SSA verification code on each record to indicate the match results. The verification codes are: 1 = No match on SSN, 3 = SSN match, name match, no match on DOB, 5 = SSN match, no match on name, DOB not checked, 6 = SSN not verified, Blank = SSN match, name match, DOB match. SSA will also send a death indicator if one is present on SSA’s database for the record. Records returned from SSA also will include a citizenship status code as follows: A = U.S. citizen, B = legal alien, eligible to work, C = legal alien, not eligible to work, D = other, E = alien, student restricted, F = conditionally legalized alien, \* = foreign born, Blank = domestic born (U.S. citizen), N = unable to verify citizenship due to no match on name, DOB, or SSN.

#### System(s) of Records

There are two ED systems of records notices that cover information disclosed by ED to SSA in this matching program. The first is entitled, “Aid Awareness and Application Processing” (AAAP)(18–11–21), and was last fully published in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2023 (88 FR 39233–39248) (available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/15/2023-12831/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>). Note: The Central Processing System (CPS) and FAFSA Processing System (FPS) are the ED information systems that process FAFSA data. CPS will process this data through September 30, 2024, for Award

Year (AY) 2023–2024. FPS will become operational on or after December 1, 2023, and begin processing FAFSA data for AY 2024–25. After September 30, 2024, CPS will be decommissioned and be fully replaced by FPS. FPS will process data for all AYs thereafter. The second system of records notice is entitled, “Person Authentication Service (PAS)” (18–11–12) and was last fully published in the **Federal Register** on July 28, 2023 (88 FR 48817–48824) (available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/28/2023-16001/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>). This is the system of records that covers the records of applicants for FSA IDs. In addition, ED will maintain the information that it receives back from SSA in the “Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System” (18–11–02), for which ED last fully published a system of records notice in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2023 (88 FR 41942–41951) (available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/28/2023-13698/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>).

SSA’s system of records involved in this matching program is entitled, “Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications” (Enumeration System) 60–0058, last fully published in the **Federal Register** on January 4, 2022 (87 FR 263–267).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23–2751–000]

#### White Rock Wind East, 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 White Rock Wind East, 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 September 21, 2023.

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.

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. 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### White Rock Wind West, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

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