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A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Data furnished by the applicants will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, failure to provide data could result in program benefits being withheld or denied.

Title: 7 CFR part 1776, "Rural Decentralized Water Systems".

OMB Control Number: 0572-0139.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agency supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need. The Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) program makes grants to qualified, private non-profit organizations which will help homeowners finance the cost of individually owned decentralized water and or wastewater systems. As the grant recipient, non-profit organizations will establish a revolving loan fund lending program to provide decentralized water and or wastewater loans and subgrants to individuals who own or will own private decentralized water and or wastewater systems in rural areas. The individual loan recipients may use the funds to construct, refurbish, and service their household decentralized water and or wastewater systems for an existing home. The collection of information consists of the materials to file a grant application with the agency, including forms, certifications and required documentation.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.466 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 146.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 20.86.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 652 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Email: pamela.bennett@usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Andrew Berke,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to Sheleen Dumas, the PRA Clearance Officer at PRAComments@doc.gov. Please reference the OMB Control Number 0690-0032 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Sheleen

Dumas, Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-3306, or via email at PRAComments@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Department of Commerce plans to request a three-year extension of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). This Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) directly benefits award recipients by making it easier for them to administer Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information required in performance reports—thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs. The RPPR also makes it easier to compare the outputs, outcomes, etc. of research programs across the government.

The RPPR resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). One of the RBM Subcommittee's priority areas is to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it is important for Federal agencies to manage awards in a similar fashion. The RPPR is used by agencies that support research and research-related activities for use in submission of progress reports. It is intended to replace other performance reporting formats currently in use by agencies. The RPPR does not change the performance reporting requirements specified in 2 CFR part 215 (OMB Circular A-110) and the Common

Rule implementing OMB Circular A-102. Each category in the RPPR is a separate reporting component. Agencies will direct recipients to report on the one mandatory component ("Accomplishments"), and may direct them to report on optional components, as appropriate. Within a particular component, agencies may direct recipients to complete only specific questions, as not all questions within a given component may be relevant to all agencies.

Agencies may develop an agency- or program-specific component, if necessary, to meet programmatic requirements, although agencies should minimize the degree to which they supplement the standard components. Such agency- or program-specific requirements will require review and clearance by OMB.

II. Method of Collection

All reports will be submitted electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0690–0032.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, Request for an Extension (without change of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: State and Local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000

Estimated Time per Response: 8 minutes for monthly respondents who report via internet, mail or faxing the form, 23 minutes for annual respondents who report via internet, mail or faxing the form and 3 minutes for monthly and annual respondents who report by telephone or send electronic files or printouts.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,667.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (This is not the cost of respondents' time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or mhardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. 131 and 182.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include, or summarize, each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your

personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Services Surveys: BE–30, Quarterly Survey of Ocean Freight Revenues and Foreign Expenses of U.S. Carriers, and the BE–37, Quarterly Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

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DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before August 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Christopher Stein, Chief, Services Surveys Branch, Bureau of Economic Analysis, by email to christopher.stein@bea.gov or PRAComments@bea.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0608–0011 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Christopher Stein, Chief, Services Surveys Branch, Bureau of Economic

Analysis; 301–278–9189; or via email at christopher.stein@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Quarterly Survey of Ocean Freight Revenues and Foreign Expenses of U.S. Carriers (BE–30) collects data from U.S. ocean freight carriers (owners and operators) that engaged in the international transportation of freight, cargo, and/or passengers between U.S. and foreign ports or between foreign ports, if total covered revenues or total covered expenses were \$500,000 or more in the previous year or are expected to be \$500,000 or more during the current year.

The Quarterly Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses (BE–37) collects data from U.S. airline operators engaged in the international transportation of passengers or of U.S. export freight, or the transportation of passengers or freight between two foreign points, if total covered revenues or total covered expenses were \$500,000 or more in the previous year or are expected to be \$500,000 or more during the current year.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. trade in transport services, to analyze the impact of these cross-border services on the U.S. and foreign economies, to compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, to support U.S. commercial policy on trade in transport services, to conduct trade promotion, and to improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities. The data are used in estimating the trade in transport services component of the U.S. international transactions accounts (ITAs) and national income and product accounts (NIPAs).

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) is not proposing any changes to the surveys reporting requirements or to the data items collected on the surveys.

BEA does not plan to change the exemption levels used for the current quarterly surveys. BEA estimates there will be no change in the average number of burden hours per response. The language in the instructions and definitions will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary to clarify survey requirements.

II. Method of Collection

BEA contacts potential respondents by mail at the end of each quarter. Respondents would be required to file the completed BE–30 and BE–37 forms within 30 days after the end of each quarter of the year.