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Title of Collection: 2015–16 National Teacher and Principal Survey (NTPS) Preliminary Activities.

OMB Control Number: 1850–0598.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 8,851.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,422.

Abstract: The National Teacher and Principal Survey (NTPS) is a redesign of the Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS). NTPS will be an in-depth, nationally representative survey of first through twelfth grade public school teachers, principals and schools. Kindergarten teachers in schools with at least a first grade are also surveyed. The NTPS will be conducted every two years utilizing core content and a series of rotating modules to allow timely collection of important education trends as well as trend analysis. Topics covered include characteristics of teachers, principals, schools, teacher training opportunities, retention, retirement, hiring, and shortages. This submission is for OMB approval to conduct preliminary field activities prior to data collection. These activities will take place in early 2015 and include submitting NTPS research applications to special districts that require prior research approval before their schools can be recruited for the study. The lead time is necessary to secure approval for the NTPS from these

districts prior to the start of data collection.

Dated: October 2, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2014–ICCD–0108]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Race to the Top Program Review Protocols

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary/Office of the Deputy Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 6, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED–2014–ICCD–0108 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will only accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the www.regulations.gov site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Patrick Carr, 202–708–8196.

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: Race to the Top Program Review Protocols.

OMB Control Number: 1894–0011.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 12.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 744.

Abstract: The ARRA provides \$4.3 billion for the Race to the Top Fund (referred to in the statute as the State Incentive Grant Fund). This is a competitive grant program. The purpose of the program is to encourage and reward States that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform; achieving significant improvement in student outcomes, including making substantial gains in student achievement, closing achievement gaps, improving high school graduation rates, and ensuring student preparation for success in college and careers; and implementing ambitious plans in four core education reform areas: (a) Adopting internationally benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace; (b) building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals in how they can improve their practices; (c)

increasing teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in teacher distribution; and (d) turning around our lowest-achieving schools.

Dated: October 2, 2014.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: EIA has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for the natural gas survey forms (OMB-1975-0175). EIA requests a three-year clearance for the following forms:

- EIA 176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition,”
- EIA 191, “Monthly and Annual Underground Natural Gas Storage Report,”
- EIA-757, “Natural Gas Processing Plant Survey,”
- EIA 857, “Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers,”
- EIA-910, “Monthly Natural Gas Marketer Survey,” and
- EIA-912, “Weekly Underground Natural Gas Storage Report.”

The proposed data collection will make minor changes to the forms and instructions to provide clarity. The number of respondents for EIA-191, EIA-857 and EIA-757 has been increased to reflect recent survey frame research which has identified new respondents. Data confidentiality procedures for protecting the identifiability of submitted data remain unchanged for all forms with the exception of a portion of Form EIA-191. EIA is also proposing a change to the published revision policy for Form EIA-912, a Principal Federal Economic Indicator. In addition, EIA is proposing specific changes to several of the forms; these changes are described in detail in the “Supplementary Information” section below.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before November 6, 2014. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718 or contacted by email at Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Chad_S_Whiteman@omb.eop.gov. and to

Amy Sweeney, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Mail Stop EI-24, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, Amy.Sweeney@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of any forms and instructions should be directed to Ms. Sweeney at the address listed above. Also, the draft forms and instructions are available on the EIA Web site at <http://www.eia.gov/survey/notice/ngdownstreamforms2015.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) OMB No.: 1975-0175.
- (2) Information Collection Request Title: “Natural Gas Data Collection Program Package.”
- (3) Type of Request: Proposed revision and three-year extension of the natural gas surveys.
- (4) Purpose: EIA is proposing the following changes:

(a) Form EIA-176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition”

1. Type of Request: Extension, with changes, of a currently approved collection.

2. Purpose: Form EIA-176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition,” collects data on natural, synthetic, and other supplemental gas supplies, disposition, and certain revenues by state. The data appear in the EIA publications, *Monthly Energy Review*, *Natural Gas Annual*, and *Natural Gas Monthly*. The proposed changes include:

- In Part 3, EIA is proposing to collect information on the price of compressed natural gas (CNG) for natural gas local

distribution companies that sell CNG to the public. This information will provide information on retail prices of CNG. CNG is a growing segment of the natural gas industry that is not represented in EIA’s natural gas retail price series.

- In Part 4, EIA is proposing to collect data related to costs associated with already-reported information on natural gas purchased and received at the city gate. EIA collects information on costs associated with purchases at the city gate on a monthly basis on Form EIA-857 for a sample of companies that report on Form EIA-176. However, the monthly city gate purchase information is frequently subject to monthly true-ups and having an annual benchmark for city gate purchase costs is expected to lead to a more accurate depiction of natural gas distributors’ cost of natural gas.

- In Part 5, EIA is proposing to collect the capacity of liquefied natural gas (LNG) marine terminals to gain a better understanding of the extent to which these storage assets are able to supply the market during periods of peak natural gas demand.

3. Estimated Number of Survey Respondents: 2,012 respondents.

4. Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: The annual number of total responses is 2,012.

5. Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: The annual estimated burden is 24,144 hours.

6. Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: Additional costs to respondents are not anticipated beyond costs associated with response burden hours.

(b) Form EIA-191, “Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report”

1. Type of Request: Extension, with changes, of a currently approved collection.

2. Purpose: Form EIA-191, “Monthly Underground Gas Storage Report,” collects data on the operations of all active underground storage facilities. The data appear in the EIA publications *Monthly Energy Review*, *Natural Gas Annual*, and *Natural Gas Monthly*. EIA is proposing to make the following changes to the form:

- To reduce reporting burden EIA is proposing to discontinue two categories regarding Field Status: “Depleting” and “Other.” EIA will use only two categories, “Active” and “Inactive.” The category “Inactive” is more descriptive and replaces the Field Status category label of “Abandoned.” The “Depleting” and “Other” categories are rarely used by reporting companies and collapsing these categories into “Inactive” will not