

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**[Docket No.: ED–2016–ICCD–0052]****Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Program for International Student Assessment (PISA 2018) Recruitment and Field Test****AGENCY:** National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), 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 a revision of an existing information collection.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 11, 2016.**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2016–ICCD–0052. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* 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, Room 2E–103, Washington, DC 20202–4537.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela at kashka.kubzdela@ed.gov.**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: Program for International Student Assessment (PISA 2018) Recruitment and Field Test.*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0755.*Type of Review:* A revision of an existing information collection.*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 14,792.*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 9,075.*Abstract:* The Program for International Student Assessments (PISA) is an international assessment of 15-year-olds which focuses on assessing students' reading, mathematics, and science literacy. PISA was first administered in 2000 and is conducted every three years. The United States has participated in all of the previous cycles, and will participate in 2018 in order to track trends and to compare the performance of U.S. students with that of students in other education systems. PISA 2018 is sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). In the United States, PISA is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education. In each administration of PISA, one of the subject areas (reading, mathematics, or science literacy) is the major domain and has the broadest content coverage, while the other two subjects are the minor domains. PISA emphasizes functional skills that students have acquired as they near the end of mandatory schooling (aged 15 years), and students' knowledge and skills gained both in and out of school environments. PISA 2018 will focus on reading literacy as the major domain. Mathematics and science literacy will also be assessed as minor domains, with additional assessments of global competence and financial literacy. In addition to the cognitive assessments described above, PISA 2018 will include questionnaires administered to assessed students, school principals, and teachers. To prepare for the main study

in 2018, NCES will conduct a PISA field test from April–May 2017 to evaluate newly developed assessment and questionnaire items, to test the assessment operations, and to test school recruitment, data collection, and data management procedures. The PISA main study will be conducted in the U.S. from September–November 2018. This submission requests approval for: recruitment and pre-assessment activities for the 2017 field test sample; administration of the field test; and recruitment of schools for the 2018 main study sample.

Dated: May 6, 2016.

Kate Mullan,*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.*

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BILLING CODE 4000–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Electricity Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.**DATES:** The meeting dates are: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 (12:00 p.m.—5:45 p.m. EST) Thursday, June 2, 2016 (8:00 a.m.—12:40 p.m. EST)**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Rosenbaum, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G–017, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (202) 586–1060 or Email: matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**
Purpose of the Committee: The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was re-established in July 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in implementing the Energy Policy Act of

2005, executing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure. The EAC is composed of individuals of diverse background selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting of the EAC is expected to include an update on the programs and initiatives of the DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability and an overview of DOE grid modeling efforts. The meeting is also expected to include a DOE presentation on the EV Everywhere Challenge, a presentation on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's report, "Analytic Research Foundations for the Next-Generation Electric Grid," and panel discussions on transactive energy and the storage market environment. Additionally, the meeting is expected to include a discussion of the plans and activities of the Smart Grid Subcommittee, Power Delivery Subcommittee, Energy Storage Subcommittee, and the Clean Power Plan Working Group.

Tentative Agenda: June 1, 2016

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. EAC Leadership Committee Meeting
 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Registration
 1:00 p.m.–1:20 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Developments since the March 2016 Meeting
 1:20 p.m.–1:40 p.m. Update on the DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability's Programs and Initiatives
 1:40 p.m.–2:10 p.m. DOE Presentation, EV Everywhere Challenge
 2:10 p.m.–2:40 p.m. Presentation on NAE Report: Analytic Research Foundations for the Next-Generation Electric Grid
 2:40 p.m.–3:25 p.m. Overview of DOE Grid Modeling Efforts and Memorandum of Understanding
 3:25 p.m.–3:40 p.m. Break
 3:40 p.m.–5:25 p.m. Panel: Transactive Energy
 5:25 p.m.–5:45 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn Day One of June 2016 Meeting of the EAC

Tentative Agenda: June 2, 2016

8:00 a.m.–8:40 a.m. EAC Smart Grid Subcommittee Activities and Plans
 8:40 a.m.–9:10 a.m. EAC Power Delivery Subcommittee Activities and Plans
 9:10 a.m.–9:50 a.m. EAC Energy Storage Subcommittee Activities and Plans

9:50 a.m.–10:05 a.m. Break
 10:05 a.m.–11:40 a.m. Panel: Storage Market Environment: Reports from Experts in the Field
 11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EAC Member Discussion of Clean Power Plan Working Group Activities and Plans
 12:00 p.m.–12:10 p.m. Public Comments
 12:10 p.m.–12:40 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn June 2016 Meeting of the EAC

The meeting agenda may change to accommodate EAC business. For EAC agenda updates, see the EAC Web site at: <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>.

Public Participation: The EAC welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings. Individuals who wish to offer public comments at the EAC meeting may do so on Thursday, June 1, 2016, but must register at the registration table in advance.

Approximately 10 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed three minutes. Anyone who is not able to attend the meeting, or for whom the allotted public comments time is insufficient to address pertinent issues with the EAC, is invited to send a written statement to Mr. Matthew Rosenbaum.

You may submit comments, identified by "Electricity Advisory Committee Open Meeting," by any of the following methods:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Matthew Rosenbaum, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G–017, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.
 - *Email:* matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov. Include "Electricity Advisory Committee Open Meeting" in the subject line of the message.
 - *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and identifier. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>, including any personal information provided.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket, to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>.

The following electronic file formats are acceptable: Microsoft Word (.doc), Corel Word Perfect (.wpd), Adobe

Acrobat (.pdf), Rich Text Format (.rtf), plain text (.txt), Microsoft Excel (.xls), and Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt). If you submit information that you believe to be exempt by law from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy, as well as one copy from which the information claimed to be exempt by law from public disclosure has been deleted. You must also explain the reasons why you believe the deleted information is exempt from disclosure.

DOE is responsible for the final determination concerning disclosure or nondisclosure of the information and for treating it in accordance with the DOE's Freedom of Information regulations (10 CFR 1004.11).

Note: Delivery of the U.S. Postal Service mail to DOE may be delayed by several weeks due to security screening. DOE, therefore, encourages those wishing to comment to submit comments electronically by email. If comments are submitted by regular mail, the Department requests that they be accompanied by a CD or diskette containing electronic files of the submission.

Minutes: The minutes of the EAC meeting will be posted on the EAC Web page at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>. They can also be obtained by contacting Mr. Matthew Rosenbaum at the address above.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 5, 2016.

LaTanya R. Butler,
Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, June 9, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Runkles; Office of Basic Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; Germantown Building, 1000