

*EIS No. 20130056, Draft Supplement, DOS, 00, Keystone XL Project, Comment Period Ends: 04/22/2013, Contact: Genevieve Walker 202- 647-9798.*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20120403, Draft EIS, FHWA, ID, US-95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow, from Milepost 337.67 to Milepost 344.00, Latah County, ID, Comment Period Ends: 03/25/2013, Contact: John A. Perry 208-334-9180 extension 116 Revision to FR Notice Published 01/04/2013; Extending Comment Period to 03/25/2013.*

*EIS No. 20130015, Draft Supplement, FHWA, CA, Mid County Parkway, a new Freeway from the City of Perris to the City of San Jacinto, Riverside County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 04/10/2013, Contact: Larry Vinzant 916-498-5040 Revision to FR Notice Published 01/04/2013; Extending Comment Period to 03/25/2013.*

*EIS No. 20130018, Final EIS, BIA, WA, Spokane Tribe of Indians West Plains Casino and Mixed-Use Development Project, Approval of Gaming Development and Management, Spokane County, WA, Review Period Ends: 05/01/2013, Contact: Dr. B.J. Howerton 503-231-6749 Revision to FR Notice Published 02/01/2013; Extending Comment Period from 03/04/2013 to 05/01/2013.*

Dated: March 5, 2013.

#### Cliff Rader,

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Request for Nominations of Experts for a Science Advisory Board Panel To Review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office requests public nominations of scientific experts to form an SAB panel to review the Agency's draft science synthesis report on the connectivity of streams and wetlands to downstream waters.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted by March 29, 2013 per the instructions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this Notice and Request for Nominations may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office, by telephone/voice mail at (202) 564-2155, by fax at (202) 565-2098, or via email at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov).

General information concerning the EPA SAB can be found at the EPA SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* The SAB (42 U.S.C. 4365) is a chartered Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent scientific and technical peer review, advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the technical basis for EPA actions. As a Federal Advisory Committee, the SAB conducts business in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and related regulations. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. The EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) is developing a draft report synthesizing the peer-reviewed scientific literature pertaining to biological, chemical, and hydrologic connectivity of waters, and the effects that small streams, wetlands, and open waters have on larger downstream waters such as rivers, lakes, estuaries, and oceans. ORD has asked the SAB to conduct a peer review of the agency's draft report. The SAB Staff Office is forming an expert panel under the auspices of the Chartered SAB to conduct this review.

*Technical Contact for EPA's Draft Report:* For information concerning the EPA draft report, please contact Dr. Laurie Alexander, National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Mail Code 8623P, Washington, DC 20460, phone (703) 347-8630 or via email at [alexander.laurie@epa.gov](mailto:alexander.laurie@epa.gov).

*Request for Nominations:* The SAB Staff Office requests nominations of recognized experts in one or more of the following disciplines: (a) Hydrologists, geologists, and fluvial geomorphologists with expertise in the hydrology and formation of large rivers, small streams, wetlands, surface-groundwater interactions, sediment transport, or hydrologic connectivity of waters; (b) ecologists with expertise in stream ecology or wetland ecology, particularly with respect to freshwater stream-wetland connectivity, or wetland ecosystem function; (c) biologists with

expertise in population dynamics and dispersal of freshwater organisms, fisheries, aquatic entomology, amphibian biology, or the biologic connectivity of freshwater systems; and (d) water chemists and biogeochemists with expertise in nutrient dynamics or pollutant fate and transport in watersheds.

*Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations:* Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible service on this expert panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (preferred over hard copy) following the instructions for "Nominating Experts to Advisory Panels and Ad Hoc Committees Being Formed," provided on the SAB Web site. The instructions can be accessed through the "Nomination of Experts" link on the blue navigational bar at the SAB Web site <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. To receive full consideration, nominations should include all of the information requested below. EPA's SAB Staff Office requests contact information about the person making the nomination; contact information about the nominee; the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae; sources of recent grant and/or contract support; and a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other national advisory committees or national professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination procedures, or who are unable to submit nominations through the SAB Web site, should contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, DFO, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than March 29, 2013. EPA values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. The names and biosketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff, will be posted in a List of Candidates on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. Public comments on this List of Candidates will be accepted for 21 days. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office

should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office a balanced review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In forming this expert panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the List of Candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, (f) for the panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and viewpoints.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between a person's public responsibilities (which include membership on an EPA federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address <http://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/Web/ethics?OpenDocument>.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board* (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

Dated: February 25, 2013.

**Thomas H. Brennan,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 7, 2013. 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, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) <<mailto:PRA@fcc.gov>> and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov) <<mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov>>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
OMB Control Number: 3060-1084.  
Title: Rules and Regulations Implementing Minimum Customer

Account Record Exchange Obligations on All Local and Interexchange Carriers (CARE).

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents and Responses:* 2,621 respondents; 574,468 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 minute (.017 hours) to 20 minutes (.33 hours).

*Frequency of Response:* Recordkeeping and annual reporting requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for these information requirements are found in sections 1-4, 201, 202, 222, 258, and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151-154, 201, 202, 222, 258, and 303(r).

*Total Annual Burden:* 47,693 hours.  
*Total Annual Cost:* None.

*Nature and Extent of Confidentiality:* Confidentiality is not an issue as individuals and/or households are not required to provide personally identifiable information.

*Privacy Impact Assessment:* No impact(s).

*Needs and Uses:* In the 2005 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, In the Matter of Rules and Regulations Implementing Minimum Customer Account Record Exchange Obligations on All Local and Interexchange Carriers (2005 Report and Order), CG Docket No. 02-386, FCC 05-29, which was released on February 25, 2005, the Commission adopted rules governing the exchange of customer account information between local exchange carriers (LECs) and interexchange carriers (IXCs). The Commission concluded that mandatory, minimum standards are needed in light of record evidence demonstrating that information needed by carriers to execute customer requests and properly bill customers is not being consistently provided by all LECs and IXCs. Specifically, the 2005 Report and Order requires LECs to supply customer account information to IXCs when: (1) the LEC places an end user on, or removes an end user from, an IXC's network; (2) an end user presubscribed to an IXC makes certain changes to her account information via her LEC; (3) an IXC requests billing name and address information for an end user who has usage on an IXC's network but for whom the IXC does not have an existing account; and (4) a LEC rejects an IXC-initiated PIC order. The 2005 Report