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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Revision of Agency Information Collection for Loan Guarantee, Insurance and Interest Subsidy Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval for the collection of information for the Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0020, which expires October 31, 2015.

DATE: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an e-mail to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to: James R. West, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; e-mail: JamesR.West@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. West, phone: (202) 208-7253.

You may review the information collection request online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 103, implementing the Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program, established by 25 U.S.C. 1451 et seq. The information collection allows IEED to determine the eligibility and credit-worthiness of respondents and loans and otherwise ensure compliance with Program requirements. This information collection includes the use of several forms. A response is required to obtain and/or retain a benefit.

II. Request for Comments

On July 14, 2015, IEED published a notice announcing the renewal of this information collection and provided a 60-day comment period in the Federal Register (80 FR 41054). There were no comments received in response to this notice.

The IEED requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) the necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 can 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.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0020.

Title: Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy, 25 CFR 103.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows IEED to implement the Loan Guarantee, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program, 25 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., the purpose of which is to encourage private lending to individual Indians and Indian organizations by providing lenders with loan guarantees or loan insurance to reduce their potential risk. The information collection allows IEED to determine the eligibility and credit-worthiness of respondents and loans and otherwise ensure compliance with Program requirements. This information collection includes the use of several forms. A response is required to obtain and/or retain a benefit.

Type of Review: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Respondents: Lenders, including commercial banks, and borrowers, including individual Indians and Indian organizations.

Number of Respondents: 315.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, as needed.

Obligation to Respond: Response required to obtain a benefit.

Estimated Time per Response: Ranging from 0.5 to 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,654 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: \$0.00

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