

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters**

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal of 0651-0044 (Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters), which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2025, during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 21295). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before September 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0044. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

- Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0044 information request" in the subject line of the message.

- Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- Telephone:* Toni Krasnic, Office of Patents Stakeholder Experience, 571-272-7182.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

Title: Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0044.

Needs and Uses: Pursuant to the Inventors' Rights Act of 1999, 35 U.S.C. 297, and implementing regulations at 37 CFR, Part 4, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required to provide a form for the publication of complaints concerning invention promoters. Upon receipt of a complaint, the USPTO will forward it to the invention promoter for a response. The USPTO does not investigate these complaints or participate in any legal proceedings against invention promoters or invention promotion companies. Under the Inventors' Rights Act, the USPTO is responsible only for publishing complaints and responses on the USPTO website, making them available to the public.

A complaint submitted to the USPTO must be clearly marked, or otherwise identified, as a complaint. The complaint must include:

- (1) the name and address of the complainant;
- (2) the name and address of the invention promoter;
- (3) the name of the customer;
- (4) the invention promotion services offered or performed by the invention promoter;
- (5) the name of the mass media in which the invention promoter advertised such services;
- (6) an example of the relationship between the customer and the invention promoter; and
- (7) a signature of the complainant.

Identifying information is necessary so that the USPTO can both forward the complaint to the invention promoters or invention promotion companies as well as notify the complainant that the complaint has been forwarded. Complainants should understand that the complaints will be forwarded to the invention promoter for response and that the complaint and response will be made available to the public as required by the Inventors' Rights Act. If the USPTO does not receive a response from the invention promoter within 30 days, the complaint will be published

without a response. Under this program, the USPTO does not accept complaints that request confidentiality. The USPTO may refer submitted complaints to the USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline, as appropriate.

This information collection contains one form, PTO/2048A (Complaint Regarding Invention Promotion), which is used by the public to submit a complaint under this program. This form is available for download from the USPTO website. Use of this form is voluntary.

Complainants may submit a complaint without the form as long as the complaint includes the necessary information and the submission is clearly marked as a complaint filed under the Inventors' Rights Act. Invention promotion firms may use any format when responding to a submitted complaint; there is no associated USPTO form. Complaints and responses are posted at <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/using-legal-services/scam-prevention/published-complaints/published>. Although the USPTO typically receives only a few complaints each year, that number is expected to rise given the recent announcement of new efforts to mitigate threats and protect the integrity of the U.S. patent system: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/fraud>.

The name of this information collection is being changed from "Invention Promoters/Promotion Firm Complaints" to "Complaints Regarding Invention Promoters" to better align with how this program is usually referenced.

Forms

- PTO/2048A (Complaint Regarding Invention Promoter).

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

Affected Public: Individuals and households; Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 22 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 22 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 30 minutes (0.50 hours). This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed items to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$9.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Petition of America First Legal Foundation for Rulemaking Before the Election Assistance Commission

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Rulemaking Petition: Notification of Availability.

SUMMARY: On July 16, 2025, the Election Assistance Commission (EAC or Commission) received a petition for rulemaking submitted by America First Legal Foundation asking the Commission to amend EAC Regulations and the National Mail Voter Registration Form to require documentary proof of United States citizenship to register to vote in federal elections.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: All comments must be in writing. Interested persons should not provide in their comments any information that they do not wish to make public, such as a home street address, personal email address, date of birth, phone number, social security number, driver's license number, or any information that is privileged or confidential.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov under docket number EAC-2025-0236. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EAC-2025-0236, by postal mail at: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001. Attn: Office of the General Counsel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Camden Kelliher, EAC General Counsel. Telephone: (202) 360-3160; Email: ckelliher@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 16, 2025, the Election Assistance Commission received a petition for rulemaking submitted by America First Legal Foundation, asking the Commission to amend 11 CFR 9428.4 and the federal voter registration form to require documentary proof of United

States citizenship to register to vote in federal elections.

The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501–20511) created a single federal form that all states are required to accept and use for voter registration for federal elections. The EAC is responsible for maintaining and, as necessary, amending this form. The NVRA mandates that states “accept and use the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the [EAC] . . . for the registration of voters in elections for Federal office”; that the form contain the following question: “Are you a citizen of the United States of America?”; and that the form “include a statement that . . . specifies each eligibility requirement (including citizenship)” and “requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury.” The NVRA also empowers the EAC to “require . . . information . . . necessary to enable the appropriate State election official to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration and other parts of the election process.”

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires that the NVRA form include a question about citizenship status, requiring attestation of United States citizenship under penalty of perjury, without necessitating documentary proof of citizenship (52 U.S.C. 21083(b)(4)(A)). The implementing regulations for this requirement are provided in 11 CFR 9428.4.

The petition submitted by America First Legal Foundation seeks to initiate a rulemaking process to amend 11 CFR 9428.4 and the federal voter registration form to require applicants to provide one of the following as proof of citizenship: U.S. Passport, State-issued Real ID-compliant driver's license indicating that the applicant is a citizen, an official military identification card that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United States, or a valid Federal or State government-issued photo identification if such identification indicates that the applicant is a United States citizen or if such identification is otherwise accompanied by proof of United States citizenship.

The EAC seeks comments on the petition. The public may inspect the petition here: https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/2025-08/America_First_Legal_EAC_DPOC_Rule_Petition.pdf. The EAC will not consider the petition's

merits until after the comment period closes.

Camden Kelliher

General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1927-141]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Effectiveness of Withdrawal of Water Quality Management Plan

On April 12, 2024, PacifiCorp (licensee), filed a Water Quality Management Plan (Plan) for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project No. 1927, in accordance with ordering paragraph (L) of the Commission's Order Amending License, Approving Revised Exhibits A, F, and G, Revising Project Description, and Incorporating Water Quality Certificate.¹ On August 1, 2025, the licensee filed a request to withdraw its Water Quality Management Plan.

No motion in opposition to the request for withdrawal has been filed, and the Commission has taken no action to disallow the withdrawal. Pursuant to Rule 216(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,² the withdrawal of the application became effective on August 16, 2025, and this proceeding is hereby terminated.

Dated: August 18, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL25-100-000]

Ranchland Solar, LLC; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On August 18, 2025, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL25-100-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation to determine whether Ranchland Solar, LLC's Rate Schedule is considered

¹ PacifiCorp, 185 FERC ¶ 62,112 (2023) (delegated order).

² 18 CFR 385.216(b) (2024).