

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the National Petroleum Council. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, August 1, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (EST)

ADDRESSES: St. Regis Hotel, 923 16th and K Streets NW., Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Johnson, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas (FE-30), Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-5600 or facsimile (202) 586-6221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to oil and natural gas, or the oil and natural gas industries.

Tentative Agenda:

- Call to Order and Introductory Remarks
- Consideration of the Proposed Final Report of the NPC Committee on Future Transportation Fuels
- Introductory Remarks by the Honorable Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy
- Remarks by the Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy
- Administrative Matters
- Discussion of Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the National Petroleum Council
- Adjournment

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Chair of the Council will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Nancy Johnson at the address or telephone number listed above. Request for oral statements must be received at least three days prior to the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or having insufficient time to address the Council are invited to send a written statement to info@npc.org. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement to the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting.

Additionally, the meeting will also be available via live video webcast. The link will be available at <http://www.npc.org>.

Minutes: Transcripts of the meeting will be available by contacting Ms. Johnson at the address above, or info@npc.org.

Issued at Washington, DC, on July 11, 2012.

LaTanya Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a Member of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, the U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to fill vacancies on the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee (Technical Advisory Committee). **DATES:** The deadline for nominations for members will be accepted on or before August 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The nominations must include name, a resume, biography, and any letters of support and are to be submitted via one of the following methods:

- (1) Email to elliott.levine@ee.doe.gov.
- (2) Overnight delivery service to:

Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Stop EE-2E, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Stop EE-2E, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-1476; Email: elliott.levine@ee.doe.gov.

Committee's Web site: <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/committee.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000 (Biomass Act) [Pub. L. 106-224] requires cooperation and coordination in biomass research and development (R&D) between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The

Biomass Act was repealed and replaced in June 2008 by Section 9008 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) [Pub. L. 110-246, 122 Stat. 1651, enacted June 18, 2008, H.R. 6124].

FCEA section 9008(d) established the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee and lays forth its meetings, coordination, duties, terms, and membership types. The Committee must meet quarterly and should not duplicate the efforts of other Federal advisory committees. Meetings are typically two days in duration. Three meetings are held in the Washington, DC area and the fourth is held at a site to be determined each year. Members of the Committee serve without compensation; however, each appointed member may be reimbursed for authorized travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending committee meetings, in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations.

The Committee advises the DOE and USDA points of contact with respect to the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative) and also makes written recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board (Board). Those recommendations regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are distributed and used consistent with Initiative objectives; (B) solicitations are open and competitive with awards made annually; (C) objectives and evaluation criteria of the solicitations are clear; and (D) the points of contact are funding proposals selected on the basis of merit, and determined by an independent panel of qualified peers.

The Committee members may serve up to two, three-year terms and must include: (A) An individual affiliated with the biofuels industry; (B) an individual affiliated with the biobased industrial and commercial products industry; (C) an individual affiliated with an institution of higher education that has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (D) two prominent engineers or scientists from government or academia that have expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (E) an individual affiliated with a commodity trade association; (F) two individuals affiliated with environmental or conservation organizations; (G) an individual associated with State government who has expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (H) an individual with expertise in energy and environmental analysis; (I) an individual with expertise in the economics of biofuels and biobased products; (J) an individual with expertise in agricultural economics; (K) an individual with expertise in plant biology and biomass feedstock development; (L) an individual with

expertise in agronomy, crop science, or soil science; and (M) at the option of the points of contact, other members (REF: FCEA 2008 section 9008(d)(2)(A)). All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their expertise, leadership, and relevance to an expertise. Appointments will be made for three-year terms, as dictated by the legislation.

Nominations this year are being accepted for the following categories in order to address the Committee's needs: (D) Prominent engineers or scientist from government or academia that have expertise in biofuels and biobased products; (I) an individual with expertise in the economics of biofuels and biobased products; and (M) at the option of the points of contact, other members. Nominations for other categories will also be accepted. Nomination categories D, I, and M are considered special Government employees (SGEs) and require submittal of an annual financial disclosure form.

Nominations are solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, universities, and companies that represent a wide variety of biomass research and development interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual that fits several of the categories listed above or for more than one person that fits one category will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must submit their resume and biography along with any letters of support by the deadline above. If you were nominated in previous years, but were not appointed to the committee and would still like to be considered, please submit your nomination package again in response to this notice with all required materials. All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. The DOE and USDA are committed to bringing greater diversity of thought, perspective and experience to its advisory committees. Nominees from all races, gender[s], age[s] and persons living with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Please note that registered lobbyists and individuals already serving another Federal Advisory Committee are ineligible for nomination.

Appointments to the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee will be made by the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12-860-000.

Applicants: WBI Energy

Transmission, Inc.

Description: Non-Conforming Negotiated Rate Agreements—Stateline to be effective 8/1/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.

Accession Number: 20120710-5068.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/23/12.

Docket Numbers: RP12-861-000.

Applicants: Dominion Transmission, Inc.

Description: Dominion Transmission, Inc. submits tariff filing per 154.203: DTI—2012 Overrun and Penalty Revenue Distribution.

Filed Date: 7/11/12.

Accession Number: 20120711-5022.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/23/12.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP11-1957-005.

Applicants: Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Description: Stingray Pipeline Company, L.L.C. submits tariff filing per 154.203: Settlement Compliance to be effective 1/1/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.

Accession Number: 20120710-5147.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/23/12.

Docket Numbers: RP12-776-001.

Applicants: Midwestern Gas Transmission Company.

Description: Firm Park and Loan Service (FPAL) Compliance to be effective 7/1/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.

Accession Number: 20120710-5047.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/23/12.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, and service can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: July 11, 2012.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG12-85-000.

Applicants: Shiloh IV Wind Project, LLC.

Description: Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Shiloh IV Wind Project, LLC.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.

Accession Number: 20120710-5150.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/31/12.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER12-1911-001.

Applicants: RE McKenzie 1 LLC.

Description: RE McKenzie 1 LLC

submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): Amended Application for Market-Based Rate Authority to be effective 7/31/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.

Accession Number: 20120710-5116.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/31/12.

Docket Numbers: ER12-1912-001.

Applicants: RE McKenzie 2 LLC.

Description: Amended Application for Market-Based Rate Authority to be effective 7/31/2012.

Filed Date: 7/10/12.

Accession Number: 20120710-5126.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/31/12.

Docket Numbers: ER12-1913-001.