

prepared an EA and analyzed the potential impacts to marine mammals that would result from the project. A FONSI was signed in May 2019. A copy of the EA and FONSI is available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable>.

### Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally, in this case with the Greater Atlantic Regional Field Office (GARFO), whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

The NMFS Office of Protected Resources is authorizing the incidental take fin, sei, sperm, and North Atlantic right whales which are listed under the ESA. Under section 7 of the ESA, BOEM consulted with NMFS GARFO on commercial wind lease issuance and site assessment activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey Wind Energy Areas. NMFS GARFO issued a Biological Opinion concluding that these activities may adversely affect but are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of fin, sei, sperm, and North Atlantic right whales. Upon request from the NMFS Office of Protected Resources, the NMFS GARFO will issue an amended incidental take statement associated with this Biological Opinion to include the takes of the ESA-listed whale species authorized through this IHA.

### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Ørsted for HRG survey activities effective one year from the date of issuance, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: September 26, 2019.

**Catherine Marzin,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for Department of the Navy Real Estate Actions in Support of the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project, at Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman, OR

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (DoN), after participating as a cooperating agency in the development and evaluation of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project (B2H Project), and carefully weighing the strategic, operational, and environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to adopt the Final EIS and implement real estate actions as set out in the selected alternative, identified as the Agency Preferred Alternative in the Final EIS dated November 2016.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoN real estate actions would grant a 7.1 mile by 90-foot right of way easement to the Idaho Power Company to allow for construction and operation of a portion of the B2H project on Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman, Oregon in exchange for the termination of an existing land use agreement and removal of transmission infrastructure held by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) that occupies the same right-of-way.

The Agency Preferred Alternative route exits the proposed Longhorn Substation to the south, crossing the boundary of NWSTF Boardman at the northeastern corner and parallels the eastern boundary of NWSTF Boardman along the west side of Bombing Range Road for approximately 7.1 miles. At that point, the route crosses over Bombing Range Road to the east and exits Federal property. The route will avoid the Resource Natural Area B, a Washington ground squirrel Resource Management Area, and traditional cultural properties on NWSTF Boardman.

The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the DoN's real estate action is available at: <https://navfac.navy.mil/NWNEPA>, along with the November 2016 Final EIS for the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project. Single copies of the ROD are available upon request by

contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attn: Jackie Queen (Environmental Planner), 3730 Charles Porter Avenue, Oak Harbor, WA 98278-5000.

Approved: September 26, 2019.

**D.J. Antenucci,**

*Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Request for student nominees for appointment to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

**SUMMARY:** Per the United States Code at least one member of the NACIQI must be a student who, at the time of the appointment by the Secretary of Education, is attending an institution of higher education.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received no later than Friday, October 25, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nomination(s), including attachments via email to: [cmtemgmtoffice@ed.gov](mailto:cmtemgmtoffice@ed.gov) (specify in the email subject line "NACIQI Student Nomination"). For questions, please contact the U. S. Department of Education, Committee Management Office at (202) 401-3677.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Function:** The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education. Per 20 U.S.C. 1011d at least one member of the NACIQI must be a student who, at the time of the appointment by the Secretary of Education, is attending an institution of higher education. The

NACIQI meets at least twice a year and advises the Secretary with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA.
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations.
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations.
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvements in such process.
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions.

• Any other advisory functions relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary may prescribe by regulation.

**Nomination Process:** Interested persons or organizations may nominate a qualified student(s). To nominate a student(s) or self-nominate for appointment to the NACIQI, please submit the following information to the U.S. Department of Education.

• A cover letter addressed to the Secretary as follows: Honorable Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. In the letter, please state your reason(s) for the nomination;

• A copy of the nominee's current resume

• Contact information for the nominee (name, address, contact phone number, and email address)

In addition, the cover letter must include a statement affirming the nominee (if you are nominating someone other than yourself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the NACIQI if appointed by the Secretary of Education. Nominees should be broadly knowledgeable about higher education and accreditation.

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available free at the site. You may also access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

**Diane Auer Jones,**

*Principal Deputy Under Secretary Delegated to Perform the Duties of the Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee; Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires notice of the meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:**

Monday, November 4; 1:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5; 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hyatt Regency Hotel, 200 S Pine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Email: [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov) or at the mailing address: Shawna McQueen, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EE-3F, Washington, DC 20585, telephone: (202) 586-0833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Purpose of the Committee:** The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law No. 109-58; 119 Stat. 849, to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the program authorized by Title VIII of EPACT.

**Tentative Agenda:** (updates will be posted on the web at): [http://hydrogen.energy.gov/advisory\\_htac.html](http://hydrogen.energy.gov/advisory_htac.html).

- HTAC Business (including public comment period)
- DOE Leadership Updates

- Program and Budget Updates
- Updates from Federal/State Governments and Industry
- HTAC Subcommittee Updates
- HTAC Discussion Period

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who would like to attend and/or to make oral statements during the public comment period must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019, by email at: [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov). Entry to the meeting room will be restricted to those who have confirmed their attendance in advance. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government-issued identification. Those wishing to make a public comment are required to register. The public comment period will take place sometime between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 2019. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but will not exceed five minutes. Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to [HTAC@nrel.gov](mailto:HTAC@nrel.gov).

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at [http://hydrogen.energy.gov/advisory\\_htac.html](http://hydrogen.energy.gov/advisory_htac.html).

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 26, 2019.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### Energy Conservation Program: Decision and Order Granting a Waiver to Johnson Controls, Inc. From the Department of Energy Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Test Procedure

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision and order.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (“DOE”) gives notice of a Decision and Order granting Johnson Controls, Inc. (“JCI”) a waiver from specified portions of the DOE test procedure for determining the efficiency of specified central air conditioners (“CAC”) and heat pump (“HP”) basic models. JCI is required to test and rate specified basic models of its central air