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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Meet with and hear from the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the two Deputy Assistant Secretary's for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, meet with the QER Team within the Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA), engage with the Office of Technology Transitions, discuss updates and provide recommendations on the Weatherization Assistance Program, and update members of the Board on routine business matters.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Monica Neukomm at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.energy.gov/ee/steab/state-energy-advisory-board>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 5, 2016.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Electricity Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 17, 2016

12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. EST.

Friday, March 18, 2016 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Rosenbaum, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G-017, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (202) 586-1060 or Email: matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was re-established in July 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, executing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure. The EAC is composed of individuals of diverse background selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting of the EAC is expected to include an update on the programs and initiatives of the DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability and the Quadrennial Energy Reviews. The meeting is also expected to include a presentation from FERC Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur and panel discussions on valuation and integration of distributed energy resources (DERs) and on interactions between public policy and wholesale market design. Additionally, the meeting is expected to include a discussion of the plans and activities of

the Grid Modernization Initiative Working Group, the Clean Power Plan Working Group, the Smart Grid Subcommittee, the Power Delivery Subcommittee, and the Energy Storage Subcommittee.

Tentative Agenda: March 17, 2016

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. EAC Leadership Committee Meeting
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Developments since the September 2015 Meeting
1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Update on the DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability's Programs and Initiatives
1:30 p.m.–1:55 p.m. Update on the Quadrennial Energy Reviews
1:55 p.m.–2:20 p.m. Update on the DOE Grid Modernization Initiative
2:20 p.m.–2:30 p.m. EAC Member Discussion of the Grid Modernization Initiative Working Group Plans
2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Panel: Valuation and Integration of DERs
4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Break
4:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Presentation from FERC Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur
5:00 p.m.–5:55 p.m. EAC Smart Grid Subcommittee Activities and Plans
5:55 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn Day One of March 2016 Meeting of the EAC

Tentative Agenda: March 18, 2016

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.–EAC Storage Subcommittee Activities and Plans
9:00 a.m.–9:50 a.m.–EAC Power Delivery Subcommittee Activities and Plans
9:50 a.m.–10:00 a.m.–Break
10:00 a.m.–11:40 a.m.–Panel: Interactions Between Public Policy and Wholesale Market Design
11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EAC Member Discussion of Clean Power Plan Working Group Activities and Plans
12:00 p.m.–12:10 p.m. Public Comments
12:10 p.m.–12:30 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn March 2016 Meeting of the EAC

The meeting agenda may change to accommodate EAC business. For EAC agenda updates, see the EAC Web site at: <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>.

Public Participation: The EAC welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings. Individuals who wish to offer public comments at the EAC meeting may do so on Friday, March 18, 2016, but must register at the registration table in advance. Approximately 10 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time

allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed three minutes. Anyone who is not able to attend the meeting, or for whom the allotted public comments time is insufficient to address pertinent issues with the EAC, is invited to send a written statement to Mr. Matthew Rosenbaum.

You may submit comments, identified by "Electricity Advisory Committee Open Meeting," by any of the following methods:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:** Matthew Rosenbaum, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G-017, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.
- **Email:** matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov. Include "Electricity Advisory Committee Open Meeting" in the subject line of the message.
- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. **Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and identifier. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>, including any personal information provided.
- **Docket:** For access to the docket, to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>.

The following electronic file formats are acceptable: Microsoft Word (.doc), Corel Word Perfect (.wpd), Adobe Acrobat (.pdf), Rich Text Format (.rtf), plain text (.txt), Microsoft Excel (.xls), and Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt). If you submit information that you believe to be exempt by law from public disclosure, you must submit one complete copy, as well as one copy from which the information claimed to be exempt by law from public disclosure has been deleted. You must also explain the reasons why you believe the deleted information is exempt from disclosure.

DOE is responsible for the final determination concerning disclosure or nondisclosure of the information and for treating it in accordance with the DOE's Freedom of Information regulations (10 CFR 1004.11).

Note: Delivery of the U.S. Postal Service mail to DOE may be delayed by several weeks due to security screening. DOE, therefore, encourages those wishing to comment to submit comments electronically by email. If comments are submitted by regular mail, the Department requests that they be accompanied by a CD or diskette

containing electronic files of the submission.

Minutes: The minutes of the EAC meeting will be posted on the EAC Web page at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>. They can also be obtained by contacting Mr. Matthew Rosenbaum at the address above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Submission of Information Collection Approval from the Office of Management and Budget and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, EIA has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted by March 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to:

DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

and to

Jacob Bournazian, Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by fax at 202-586-0552, or by email at jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Jacob Bournazian, U.S. Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585,

phone: 202-586-5562, email: jacob.bournazian@eia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to collect qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery.

Qualitative feedback means data that provide useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations. This feedback also provides an early warning of issues with service, or focuses attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve the accuracy of data reported on survey instruments or the delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** of December 4, 2015; it can be reviewed at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12->