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(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

Dated: December 18, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No.: PHMSA-2019-0098]

Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 22-23, 2020, from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Requests to attend the meeting must be received by January 8, 2020. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by January 8, 2020. Persons

requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by January 8, 2020. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than January 8, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. The meeting will also be webcast. Information for accessing the webcast will be posted on Committee website. The Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee website is located at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee>. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Hand delivered written comments should be delivered to the DOT dockets facility located in Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aaron Wiener or Kevin Leary, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation. Telephone: (202) 366-8553. Fax: (202) 366-3753. Email: lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov. Any committee related request should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Pub. L. 92-463), in accordance with Section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254).

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics as specifically outlined in section 333(d) of Public Law 115-254:

(a) Facilitate communication amongst manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the Federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness, and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss Departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential U.S. positions to be taken at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.

(h) Review methods to decrease the risk posed by undeclared hazardous materials.

A final agenda will be posted on the Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee website at least one week in advance of the meeting.

III. Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first served basis, as space is limited. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section with your name and affiliation. DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than January 8, 2020.

There will be five (5) minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each commenter may be limited. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, PHMSA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee members. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Copies of the meeting minutes, and committee presentations will be available on the Lithium Battery Safety Advisory Committee website. Presentations will also be posted on the E-Gov website in docket number PHMSA [PHMSA-2019-0098], within 30 days following the meeting.

Written comments: Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meetings may submit them to docket [PHMSA-2019-0098] in the following ways:

1. *E-Gov Website:* This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

2. *Fax*

3. *Mail*

4. *Hand Delivery:* Delivery accepted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number [PHMSA-2019-0098] at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the E-Gov website, including any personal information provided. Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, consider reviewing DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice on the E-Gov website before submitting comments.

Docket: For docket access or to read background documents or comments, go to the E-Gov website at any time or visit the DOT dockets facility listed in the **ADDRESSES** category, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on [PHMSA-2019-0098]". The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on December 19, 2019.

William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

Announcement Type: Notice and Request for Public Comment

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund), U.S. Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) Community Development Entity (CDE) Certification Application.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 24, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments via email to Tanya McInnis, Certification, Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation (CCME) Program Manager, CDFI Fund, at ccme@cdfi.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tanya McInnis, CCME Program Manager, CDFI Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220 or by facsimile to (202) 653-0375 (not a toll free number). Other information regarding the CDFI Fund and its programs may be obtained through the CDFI Fund's website at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: New Markets Tax Credit Program Community Development Entity (CDE) Certification Application.

OMB Number: 1559-0014.

Abstract: Title I, subtitle C, section 121 of the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000 (the Act), as enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554, December 21, 2000), amended the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) by adding IRC 45D and created the NMTC Program. The Department of the Treasury, through the CDFI Fund, administers the NMTC Program, which provides an incentive to investors in the form of tax credits over seven years, expected to stimulate the provision of private investment capital that, in turn, will facilitate economic and community development in low-income communities. In order to qualify for an allocation of tax credits through

the NMTC Program, an entity must be certified as a qualified Community Development Entity (CDE) and submit an allocation application to the CDFI Fund. Nonprofit entities and for-profit entities may be certified as CDEs by the CDFI Fund. In order to be certified as a CDE, an entity must be a domestic corporation or partnership, that: (1) Has a primary mission of serving or providing investment capital for low-income communities or low-income persons; and (2) maintains accountability to residents of low-income communities through their representation on any governing or advisory board of the entity.

Current Actions: Renewal of Existing Information Collection.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: CDEs and entities seeking CDE certification, including business or other for-profit institutions, nonprofit entities, and State, local and Tribal entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Annual Time per Respondent: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,200 hours.

Requests for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record and may be published on the CDFI Fund website at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CDFI Fund, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the CDFI Fund's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 45D; 31 U.S.C. 321; 26 CFR 1.45D-1.

Jodie L. Harris,

Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

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