

enacted as part of IJJA, includes authority for the Secretary to enter into public-private partnerships for the design, development, construction, operation, maintenance, and ownership of transmission facilities. In addition, the Secretary, acting through the Administrators of the Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA) or WAPA, has the authority to design, develop, construct, operate, maintain, or own, alone or in partnership with third parties, transmission system upgrades or new transmission lines and related facilities within states in which WAPA and SWPA operate.<sup>14</sup> In exercising these authorities, DOE can help facilitate transmission development in areas where state or local permitting requirements would otherwise make a project difficult or impossible to complete. In carrying out either type of project, the Secretary may accept and use contributed funds from another entity, such as a transmission developer, to carry out the Department's work on upgrades or on new projects. DOE may solicit interest in these public-private partnership projects, with a particular focus on projects that would fulfill transmission needs identified by the transmission planning actions outlined previously.

(3) *Designation of Route-Specific Transmission Corridors.* The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has authority, clarified by the IJJA, to issue permits for the construction or modification of electric transmission facilities in National Corridors designated by the Secretary of Energy.<sup>15</sup> IJJA also clarified that National Corridors can be any area experiencing or expected to experience electricity transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers.<sup>16</sup> DOE can designate a National Corridor after taking into consideration the Transmission Needs Study discussed previously and other information. In order to facilitate the efficient consideration of projects seeking a FERC-issued permit, DOE intends to provide a process for the designation of National Corridors on a route-specific, applicant-driven basis. DOE intends to give particular consideration to proposed National Corridors that, to the greatest degree possible, overlap with or utilize existing highway, rail, utility, and federal land rights-of-way. Further, in order to enable effective use of both DOE's route-specific National Corridor process and

FERC's permitting process, DOE and FERC intend to work together, as appropriate, to establish coordinated procedures that facilitate efficient information gathering related to the scope of activities under review pursuant to these authorities. By harmonizing, to the greatest extent practicable, pre-filing and application processes, DOE and FERC can work with applicants to identify and resolve issues as quickly as possible; share information in a timely fashion; and expedite reviews conducted pursuant to these authorities, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other requirements.

#### *E. Transmission Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D)*

DOE continues to conduct RD&D to further develop and reduce the costs of technologies that enable the transmission system to be used more efficiently, including grid enhancing technologies, improved transmission conductors, and grid-related energy storage facilities. The National Laboratories' research programs, in partnership with industry, are investing in the next generation of components and systems. DOE's FY22 budget request prioritizes solicitations to support transmission technology development including transformers, high voltage direct current converter stations, and storage.

DOE is also developing and improving analytical tools to more effectively support transmission deployment. DOE, in collaboration with several National Laboratories, is developing the North American Energy Resilience Model (NAERM), a national-scale energy planning and real-time situational awareness tool. DOE is working to enable and expand NAERM's capabilities to facilitate effective transmission planning. Currently deployed transmission planning tools include the Energy Zones Mapping Tool, an online mapping tool that can be used to identify potential energy resource areas and energy corridors, and the Transmission Resilience Maturity Model that enables utilities to measure the maturity of their transmission resilience programs and identify improvements to increase the resilience of their transmission systems.

Moving forward, the Department will keep the public informed of its planned activities and progress related to this Building a Better Grid Initiative to expand and improve the Nation's electric transmission grid. DOE is committed to robust engagement and collaboration with states, American

Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives, industry, unions, local communities, environmental justice organizations, and other stakeholders. For additional information, interested parties may reach out to DOE's Office of Electricity using the contact information provided in this Notice.

#### **Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 11, 2022, by Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document on publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 12, 2022.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an online virtual combined meeting of the Consent Order Committee and Risk Evaluation and Management Committee of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this online virtual meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022; 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually via WebEx. To attend, please contact Menice Santistevan by email, [Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on Friday, February 11, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board

<sup>14</sup> Energy Policy Act of 2005 section 1222; 42 U.S.C. 16421.

<sup>15</sup> FPA section 216(b); 16 U.S.C. 824p(b).

<sup>16</sup> Section 216(a) of the FPA; 16 U.S.C. 824p(a).

(NNMCAB), 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 699-0631 or Email: [Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

**Purpose of the Consent Order Committee (COC):** It is the mission of the COC to review the Consent Order, evaluate its strengths and weaknesses, and make recommendation as to how to improve the Consent Order. It is also within the mission of this committee to review and ensure implementation of NNM CAB Recommendation 2019-02, Improving the Utility of the Consent Order with Supplementary Information. The COC will work with the NNM CAB Risk Evaluation and Management Committee to review the risk-based approaches used to determine the prioritization of cleanup actions, as well as the “relative risk ranking” of the campaigns, targets, and milestones by the NNM CAB, to be recommended for use by the DOE EM Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) both within and outside of those activities covered by the Consent Order.

**Purpose of the Risk Evaluation and Management Committee (REMC):** The REMC provides external citizen-based oversight and recommendations to the DOE EM-LA on human and ecological health risk resulting from historical, current, and future hazardous and radioactive legacy waste operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The REMC will, to the extent feasible, stay informed of DOE EM-LA

and LANL’s environmental restoration and long-term environmental stewardship programs and plans. The REMC will also work with the NNM CAB COC to provide DOE EM-LA and LANL with the public’s desires in determining cleanup priorities. The REMC will prepare recommendations that represent to the best of committee’s knowledge and ability to determine, the public’s position on human and ecological health risk issues pertaining to direct radiation or contaminant exposure to soils, air, surface and groundwater quality, or the agricultural and ecological environment.

#### Tentative Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Old Business
- New Business
- Preparation of NNM CAB Work Plan
- Public Comment Period
- Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer

**Public Participation:** The online virtual meeting is open to the public. To sign up for public comment, please contact Menice Santistevan by email, [Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on Friday, February 11, 2022. Written statements may be filed with the Committees either before or within five days after the meeting by sending them to Menice Santistevan at the aforementioned email address. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be available by emailing or calling Menice Santistevan

at the email address or telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: <https://energy.gov/em/nnmcab/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 12, 2022.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** January 20, 2022, 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** Open to the public via audio Webcast only. Join FERC online to listen live at <http://ferc.capitolconnection.org/>.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda.

\* *Note*—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

For a recorded message listing items struck from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all documents relevant to the items on the agenda. All public documents, however, may be viewed on line at the Commission’s website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search> using the eLibrary link.

### 1086TH—MEETING

[Open Meeting; January 20, 2022, 10 a.m.]

Item No.	Docket No.	Company
<b>Administrative</b>		
A-1 .....	AD22-1-000 .....	Agency Administrative Matters.
A-2 .....	AD22-2-000 .....	Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations.
<b>Electric</b>		
E-1 .....	RM22-3-000 .....	Internal Network Security Monitoring for High and Medium Impact Bulk Electric System Cyber Systems.
E-2 .....	ER19-105-005 .....	PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
E-3 .....	ER22-461-000; ER22-462-000 .....	Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.
E-4 .....	ER22-474-000 .....	Talen Energy Marketing, LLC.
	ER22-539-000 .....	EF Kenilworth LLC.
	ER22-550-000 .....	Chambersburg Energy, LLC.
	ER22-551-000 .....	Rockford Power, LLC.
	ER22-552-000 .....	Rockford Power II, LLC.
	ER22-553-000 .....	Troy Energy, LLC.
	ER22-554-000 .....	LSP University Park, LLC.
	ER22-555-000 .....	University Park Energy, LLC.
	ER22-681-000 .....	Exelon Generation Company, LLC.