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Written Response: Interested parties are to submit written comments electronically to hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) or Adobe PDF (.pdf) attachment to the email, and no more than 15 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. Only electronic responses will be accepted.

For ease of replying and to aid categorization of your responses, please copy and paste the questions from this request for comment or the relevant section of the Draft Guidance as a template for your response. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish. DOE GDO will not respond to individual submissions or publish publicly a compendium of responses. A response to this request for comment will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed.

Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the start of their written response to this request for comment:

- Company/institution name;
- Company/institution contact;
- Contact's address, phone number, and email address.

Individual Verbal Response: DOE is also offering an opportunity to submit an individual verbal response in lieu of or in addition to providing written responses to the Draft Guidance, respondents may request a 30-minute individual unrecorded opportunity to provide a verbal response to a DOE staff member. The discussion with a DOE staff member will be limited to the topics presented in the Draft Guidance. Please submit your request to hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov and you will be contacted by a GDO staff member to schedule a time. Requests for an individual verbal response must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on Thursday, February 16, 2023.

Respondents will be asked to provide the following information at the start of the verbal response to this request for comment:

- A. Company/institution name;
- B. Company/institution contact;
- C. Contact's address, phone number, and email address.

Disclaimer and Important Notes

This request for comment is not a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA); therefore, GDO is not accepting applications at this time. Responding to this request does not provide any advantage or disadvantage to potential applicants if GDO chooses to issue a solicitation regarding the subject matter in the future. Final details, including the anticipated size, quantity, and timing of GDO funded incentives, will be subject to Congressional appropriations and direction.

Any information obtained as a result of this request for comment is intended to be used by the Government on a non-attribution basis for planning and strategy development; this request for comment does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. Your response to this request for comment will be treated as information only. GDO will review and consider all responses in its formulation of program strategies for the identified materials of interest that are the subject of this request. GDO will not provide reimbursement for costs incurred in responding to this request for comment. Respondents are advised that GDO is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted under this request for comment. Responses to this request for comment do not bind GDO to any further actions related to this topic.

Confidential Business Information

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email, postal mail, or hand delivery two well-marked copies: one copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email or on a CD, if feasible. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

It is DOE's policy that all comments may be included in the public docket, without change and as received, including any personal information provided in the comments (except information deemed to be exempt from public disclosure).

Evaluation and Administration by Federal and Non-Federal Personnel

Federal employees are subject to the non-disclosure requirements of a criminal statute, the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905. The Government may seek the advice of qualified non-Federal personnel. The Government may also use non-Federal personnel to conduct routine, nondiscretionary administrative activities. The respondents, by submitting their response, consent to GDO providing their response to non-Federal parties. Non-Federal parties given access to responses must be subject to an appropriate obligation of confidentiality prior to being given the access. Submissions may be reviewed by support contractors and private consultants.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 8, 2023, by Maria Duaime Robinson, pursuant to delegated authority from the 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 upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 10, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Information—Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation (FESI)

AGENCY: Office of Technology Transitions, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) publishes the following questions regarding potential engagement with the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation (FESI), directed to be established under the CHIPS and Science Act. The purpose of this RFI is to seek input on how DOE stakeholders may engage with the FESI directly, and how DOE may engage with

the FESI and the communities it will serve. Interested parties are requested to answer some or all of the questions at their discretion.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received no later than 5 p.m. (ET) on March 27, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to FESI.RFI@hq.doe.gov with the subject line “FESI RFI Response” no later than March 27, 2023. All responses must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document (.doc/.docx) of no more than 5 pages in length, with black, Times New Roman, 12 point font, and 1 inch margins as an attachment to an email. The document cannot exceed 2MB in size. Only electronic responses to the above email address will be accepted. DOE will not consider responses submitted by any other means.

Note: If clicking on the above link gives you an error message, you must CUT AND PASTE the URL into your browser to reach the web page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Yamada, (240) 888–4568, Mary.Yamada@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is renowned for its research prowess, technology expertise, and ability to leverage American ingenuity to invent early-stage clean energy technologies. To help meet the Administration’s climate, jobs, and economic goals, it is imperative that our early-stage technologies are successfully guided through to demonstration and deployment. Only then will DOE-invested technologies activate their fullest potential to help combat the global climate crisis. The Office of Technology Transitions (OTT) works to develop policies, share lessons learned, and improve the Department’s ability to commercialize. At the highest level, commercialization is the process of taking an idea and bringing it to market—or progression across the research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D) continuum to obtain market viability. The RDD&D continuum provides a useful framework for mapping the stages of a technology’s progression to commercialization—starting with research into an innovative idea and ending with commercial scale deployment.

The commercialization pathway for clean technologies is nonlinear and often fails because of inadequate support infrastructure including capital, tooling, as well as market, manufacturing, and industry expertise—not because of the technology’s fundamentals. Commercialization

support infrastructure on a national, regional, and local scale are essential to ensuring economics are addressed and critical ecosystem players are onboard. The economic and business model requirements for deployment, as well as a technology’s societal considerations, can and should shape the technical problem definition and design of solutions at all stages of the RDD&D continuum. OTT is charged with thinking through this problem set and working collaboratively across DOE to maximize our commercialization outcomes. Given the importance and complexity of OTT’s commercialization mandate, it is essential the DOE explore and leverage all authorities granted to the Agency. This includes a new DOE opportunity in the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022—the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation (FESI).

There has been much interest in the establishment of this new foundation, and DOE has received inquiries regarding future activities with FESI. In order to obtain a wide array of perspectives from stakeholders, DOE, through this RFI, is seeking input on how it might engage with the FESI and the communities it will serve.

The FESI is to be established as an independent non-profit entity by the DOE pursuant to authorization in the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (section 10691) (Pub. L. 117–167), signed into law by President Biden on August 9, 2022. The mission of FESI is two-fold: (1) to support the mission of the Department of Energy generally; and more specifically, (2) to increase private and philanthropic sector investments to accelerate the commercialization of energy technologies. The statute provides FESI with broad authority to carry out its mission.

To accomplish this mission, Congress authorized the FESI to engage with the private sector to raise funds that support efforts to “create, characterize, develop, test, validate, and deploy or commercialize innovative technologies that address crosscutting national energy challenges”.¹

To facilitate establishment of FESI so it may begin achieving its mission, Congress has mandated that DOE appoint and convene a Board of Directors to include statutorily required ex officio non-voting members from DOE, as well as appointed voting members. The CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 identified the DOE ex officio members of the Board as the Secretary of Energy, the Under Secretary for Science, the Under Secretary for

Nuclear Security, and the DOE Chief Commercialization Officer.

To assist with identifying potential initial voting members of the Board, Congress mandated DOE consult with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to develop a list of well-qualified individuals that represent a diverse set of stakeholders.

Following appointment of the initial Board of Directors and establishment of FESI, the Department of Energy’s Secretary will also appoint liaisons from across DOE, including from the Office of Technology Transitions (OTT) and the Undersecretaries for and Infrastructure, among others, to collaborate and coordinate with the Foundation. As specified in the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, collaboration and coordination with OTT and other relevant DOE offices is essential to ensure that the FESI supports the DOE mission without duplicating existing commercialization and other activities and programs carried out by the DOE.

Questions seeking input on potential objectives and activities for DOE engagement with the FESI:

To help identify and prioritize opportunities for DOE to engage and partner with the FESI, DOE is seeking information from potential stakeholder groups including, but not limited to:

- Philanthropic and non-profit organizations.
- Community stakeholders.
- DOE’s National Laboratory foundations.
- Potential investors in companies developing technologies aligned with the DOE mission.
- Industry stakeholders, especially those representing diverse regions, sectors, and communities.
- Other potential stakeholders or collaborators of FESI.

1. Which aspects of the DOE mission² and energy technology commercialization³ can you identify as potentially benefitting from FESI’s involvement?

2. Once the FESI is established, what mission areas would you recommend DOE prioritize working on with the FESI?

3. In what ways would you recommend DOE seek support of the FESI to carry out the mission areas identified?

4. To assist DOE in understanding and potentially better aligning with stakeholder interest, in what ways would you recommend DOE engage with organizations to determine what they seek to accomplish?

¹ Section 10691, CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117–167).

² DOE’s mission statement can be found at the following link: <https://www.energy.gov/mission>.

³ See commercialization description.

5. How would you envision DOE engage with the FESI to:

a. Better support communities wishing to participate in the energy transition?

b. Better support industry and small businesses wishing to participate in the energy transition?

c. Drive long-term climate and clean energy strategy?

d. Broaden participation in energy technology development among individuals from historically underrepresented groups or regions?

e. Support the commercialization of energy technologies?

f. Support workforce development?

g. Foster collaboration and partnerships with researchers from the Federal Government, State governments, institutions of higher education, including historically Black colleges or universities, Tribal Colleges or Universities, and minority-serving institutions, federally funded research and development centers (FFRDCs), industry, and nonprofit organizations for the research, development, demonstration and deployment of transformative energy and associated technologies?

6. What potential challenges should DOE be aware of to proactively manage given the intent to establish the FESI?

7. What other ways could the establishment of FESI support the DOE missions? How could DOE engage effectively with the FESI on these activities?

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Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 9, 2023, by Vanessa Chan, Chief Commercialization Officer and Director, Office of Technology Transitions, pursuant to delegated authority from the 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 upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 10, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

Docket Numbers: ER21-2649-000.

Applicants: Macquarie Energy LLC.

Description: Refund Report for June 2021 spot market sales of Macquarie Energy LLC.

Filed Date: 2/3/23.

Accession Number: 20230203-5133.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/24/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1065-000.

Applicants: SAGE Development Authority.

Description: Request for Prospective Tariff Waiver, et al. of SAGE Development Authority.

Filed Date: 2/7/23.

Accession Number: 20230207-5184.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/21/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1072-000.

Applicants: Versant Power.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Open Access Transmission Tariff for Maine Public District to be effective 6/1/2023.

Filed Date: 2/8/23.

Accession Number: 20230208-5117.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/1/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1073-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2023-02-09_SA 3489 Duke-Speedway Solar 2nd Rev GIA (J805) to be effective 1/27/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5029.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1074-000.

Applicants: Evergy Metro, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment Reflecting Transfer of

Ownership of Certain Interconnection Equipment to be effective 2/10/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5033.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1075-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Second Revised ISA, Service Agreement No. 4138; Queue No. AD2-075 to be effective 1/30/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5036.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1076-000.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., American Transmission Company LLC.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. submits tariff filing per 35.13(a)(2)(iii): 2023-02-09_SA 2799 ATC-City of New London 2nd Rev CFA to be effective 4/11/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5039.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1077-000.

Applicants: Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation.

Description: Tariff Amendment: 2023-02-09 EGF Trans FAC 483 0.1.0 NOC to be effective 12/31/2022.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5072.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1078-000.

Applicants: Tampa Electric Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to Rate Schedule No. 6 with DEF Dale Mabry and Morgan to be effective 4/11/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5091.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1079-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C..

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to ISA, Service Agreement No. 6206; Queue No. AE1-196 to be effective 4/11/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5113.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1080-000.

Applicants: Arizona Public Service Company.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Service Agreement No. 408, HooDoo Wash LGIA to be effective 1/10/2023.

Filed Date: 2/9/23.

Accession Number: 20230209-5117.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 3/2/23.

Docket Numbers: ER23-1081-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.