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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On May 22, 2015, DOE issued Order EA-408, which authorized NEMC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities appropriate for open access. The authorization expires on May 22, 2020. On February 3, 2020, NEMC filed an application (Application or App.) with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA-408-A for an additional five-year term. App. at 4. NEMC states that it “is a wholly owned subsidiary of NEMC, which is a Crown corporation wholly owned by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and responsible for the management of the Province’s energy resources” and that “NEMC will purchase electric energy from wholesale energy markets operated by NYISO, ISO-NE, MISO or other organized electric markets in which NEMC holds status as a market participant, as well as through bilateral, voluntary agreements with electric or municipal utilities, cooperatives and federal power marketing agencies (as applicable).” *Id.* At 2. The Applicant further states that “the electric energy that NEMC will export on either a firm or interruptible basis will not impair the sufficiency of the electric power supply in the United States.” *Id.* at 4. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC

Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Two (2) copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning NEMC application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-408-A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Greg Jones, Nalcor Energy Marketing Corporation, 500 Columbus Drive—Hydro Place, P.O. Box 15200, St. John’s NL, A1B0P5, Canada and to Joseph B. Nelson, Van Ness Feldman, LLP, 1050 Thomas Jefferson St. NW, Washington, DC 20007.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Matthew Aronoff at matthew.aronoff@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 10, 2020.

Christopher Lawrence,

*Management and Program Analyst,
Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance, Office of Electricity.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Stakeholder Meetings To Receive Input on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Storage Grand Challenge (ESGC) Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of stakeholder meetings.

SUMMARY: The ESGC is a cross-cutting initiative to utilize resources from across DOE to accelerate research & development (R&D), commercialization, and implementation of cutting-edge energy storage technologies to promote United States global leadership in the energy storage technologies of the future. The U.S. DOE Research and Technology Investment Committee (RTIC) Energy Storage Subcommittee intends to hold Stakeholder Meetings to receive input on the approaches and activities for the ESGC initiative.

DATES: The locations and dates of these meetings are as follows:

- Seattle, WA on March 6, 2020.
Please express your interest to attend by February 27.
- Austin, TX on March 10, 2020.
Please express your interest to attend by March 2.
- Chicago, IL on March 17, 2020.
Please express your interest to attend by March 2.
- Washington, DC on March 26, 2020.
Please express your interest to attend by March 11.

ADDRESSES:

The Stakeholder Meetings will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time. The meeting times may change to accommodate Workshop business.

For the Seattle, WA Meeting:

The Westin Seattle, 1900 5th Ave., Seattle, WA 98101.

For the Austin, TX Meeting:

The University of Texas at Austin, Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedman Dr., Austin, Texas 78712.

For the Chicago, IL Meeting:

Argonne in the City, 5235 S. Harper Court, Chicago, Ill 60651.

For the Washington, DC Meeting:

DoubleTree Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Due to space constraints, there will be limited seating available; therefore, the public meeting will be open to a limited number of parties. If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, please express interest at www.energy.gov/energy-storage-grand-challenge/events. Additionally, if you are a foreign national and wish to participate, please inform DOE of this fact as soon as possible by contacting Ms. Stacy Byrd at Stacy.Byrd@hq.doe.gov so that the necessary procedures can be completed.

You will be notified via email at least 4 days before the date of the meeting if you were confirmed as an attendee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vinod Siberry, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 586-1207, or rticstorage@hq.doe.gov. Please include “Further Information” in the email’s subject line. In the body of the email, please include your name, organization, and contact information, in addition to your question or inquiry.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The ESGC intends to create a cross-cutting strategy for U.S. leadership in energy storage by focusing efforts across five tracks:

- (1.) *Technology Development:*
Establish ambitious, achievable

performance goals, and a comprehensive R&D portfolio to achieve them;

(2.) *Technology Transition*: Accelerate the technology pipeline from research to system design to private sector adoption through rigorous system evaluation, performance validation, siting tools, and targeted collaborations;

(3.) *Policy and Valuation*: Develop best-in-class models, data, and analysis to inform the most effective value proposition and use cases for storage technologies;

(4.) *Manufacturing and Supply Chain*: Design new technologies to strengthen U.S. manufacturing and recyclability, and to reduce dependence on foreign sources of critical minerals; and

(5.) *Workforce*: Train the next generation of American workers to meet the needs of the 21st century electric grid and energy storage value chain.

All of these meetings will address the Technology Development Track, with a potential sub-focus in one or more of the other tracks.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 13, 2020.

Bruce J. Walker,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration

Defense Programs Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a closed meeting of the Defense Programs Advisory Committee (DPAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**. Due to national security considerations

the meeting will be closed to the public and matters to be discussed are exempt from public disclosure under Executive Order 13526 and the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

DATES: April 23, 2020; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Barnhill, Office of RDT&E (NA-11), National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The DPAC provides advice and recommendations to the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs on the stewardship and maintenance of the Nation's nuclear deterrent.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to finalize DPAC recommendations to the Stockpile Responsiveness Program and discuss the path ahead on new topics.

Type of Meeting: In the interest of national security, the meeting will be closed to the public. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), and the Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulation, 41 CFR 102-3.155, incorporate by reference the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, which, at 552b(c)(1) and (c)(3) permits closure of meetings where restricted data or other classified matters will be discussed. Such data and matters will be discussed at this meeting.

Tentative Agenda: Welcome; reading of final draft of report; discussion of report, as necessary; (tentative) acceptance of report; discussion of next charges; conclusion.

Public Participation: There will be no public participation in this closed meeting. Due to national security considerations, under section 10(d) of the Act and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), the meeting will be closed to the public and matters to be discussed are exempt from public disclosure under Executive Order

13526 and the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. 2161 and 2162, as amended. Those wishing to provide written comments or statements to the Committee are invited to send them to Rachel Barnhill at the address listed above.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will not be available.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 12, 2020.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATE AND TIME: February 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 2C, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

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 <http://ferc.capitolconnection.org/> using the eLibrary link, or may be examined in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

1065TH—MEETING

[Open meeting; February 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.]

Item No.	Docket No.	Company
Administrative		
A-1	AD20-1-000	Agency Administrative Matters.
A-2	AD20-2-000	Customer Matters, Reliability, Security and Market Operations.
Electric		
E-1	ER19-1939-000	Arizona Public Service Company.