for release in the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2014.

This Notice of Intent is issued solely to advise interested Federal agencies that DOE intends to issue a FOA and is for information and FOA planning purposes only; it does not constitute a formal solicitation for proposals or abstracts. No response to this Notice of Intent is expected, and any responses will be treated as informational only. In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR 15.201(e)), responses to this Notice of Intent are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract. DOE will not provide reimbursement for costs incurred in responding to this Notice of Intent.

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#### Timothy Unruh,

Director, Federal Energy Management Program.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

# **Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical 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:** August 14, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. August 15, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586–1476; email: *Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov* or Roy Tiley at (410) 997–7778 ext. 220; email: *rtiley@bcs-hq.com*.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Committee advises the points of contact (Departments of Energy and Agriculture) with respect to the Biomass R&D Initiative (Initiative) and also makes written recommendations to the Biomass R&D Board (Board). Those recommendations regard whether: (A) Initiative funds are distributed and used consistent with Initiative objectives; (B) solicitations are open and competitive with awards made annually; (C) objectives and evaluation criteria of the solicitations are clear; and (D) the points of contact are funding proposals selected on the basis of merit, and determined by an independent panel of qualified peers.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities
- Overview of DOE Office of Science R&D Programs
- Overview of Other Agency Biomass R&D Programs

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Elliott Levine at 202-586-1476; Email: Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; Email: rtiley@bcs-hq.com at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html.

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### LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer. [FR Doc. 2013–17667 Filed 7–22–13; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14430-000]

Monroe Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
  - b. *Project No.:* 14430–000
  - c. Date Filed: April 2, 2013
  - d. Submitted By: Monroe Hydro, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Monroe Drop Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the western side of the Bureau of Reclamation's North Unit Irrigation District Main Canal, in Jefferson County, Oregon. The project occupies 2.1 acres of United States lands administered by USDA Forest Service.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Gia Schneider, Natel Energy, 2175 Monarch Street, Alameda, CA 94501; (510) 342– 5269; email –gia@natelenergy.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Adam Beeco at (202) 502–8655; or email at adam.beeco@ferc.gov.
- j. Monroe Hydro filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on April 2, 2013. Monroe Hydro provided public notice of its request on June 5, 2013. In a letter dated July 16, 2013, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Monroe Hydro's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Oregon State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historical Preservations of the