

Elizabeth Jordan, Vice President, Compliance, RBC Capital Markets, 200 Bay Street, 9th Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J5. 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 a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the 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 Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845> or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

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Jon Worthington,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 6, 2012, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3822, Joel.Bradburne@lex.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.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda

- Approval of July Minutes
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
- Federal Coordinator's Comments
- Liaisons' Comments
- Presentations
- Administrative Issues
- Subcommittee Updates
- Public Comments
- Final Comments from the Board
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Joel Bradburne at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. 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 writing or calling Joel Bradburne at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.ports-sab.energy.gov/>.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting (Webinar).

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting (Webinar) of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical

Advisory Committee (HTAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 requires that agencies publish notice of meetings in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 5, 2012; 12 p.m.–2 p.m. To be provided the Webinar's registration information, please email: HTAC@nrel.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: email to: HTAC@nrel.gov or at the mailing address: Jason Marcinkoski, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under Section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law 109-58; 119 Stat. 849, to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the program and activities authorized by Title VIII of EPACT.

Tentative Agenda: (Subject to change; updates will be posted on the Committee's Web site at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov/>).

- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Discussion of Hydrogen Production Expert Panel report

• Consultation in establishing the criteria for the H-Prize competition, as required by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, in Sec. 654.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 12 p.m. and 12:10 p.m. on September 5, 2012. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, please email HTAC@nrel.gov at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting, whether you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a

hard copy at the meeting or by submitting an electronic copy to via email to: HTAC@nrel.gov.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at the Committee's Web site at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov>.

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Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Wind and Water Power Program

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Wind and Water Power Program (WWPP) is planning a workshop to exchange information on hydropower's ability to integrate variable renewables into our nation's grid. Some renewable energy resources, such as wind and solar, can stress power systems as their electricity generation varies with fluctuations in their renewable "fuel" (i.e. wind speed and sunlight availability). Development of these resources is essential for meeting the President's goal of producing 80% of U.S. electricity from clean energy sources by 2035, but will require grid integration solutions. DOE is seeking individual technical advice with regard to the use of existing hydropower resources and advanced pumped storage technologies for integrating variable renewables.

DATES: DOE will hold a workshop on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Portland, OR. RSVP is required by Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Mark Spencer Hotel located at 409 SW. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Hoyt Battey, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone: (202) 586-0143. Email: hoyt.battey@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Hydropower provides a substantial portion of the existing power grid's flexibility and does so without emitting greenhouse emissions. However, the demands on the hydropower fleet's flexibility are growing due to increasing installation of renewables like wind and solar that produce variable power. Simultaneously, the capability to provide this flexibility is diminishing as the hydropower fleet loses efficiency as it ages, and competing water uses such as irrigation and domestic supply take priority over generation capabilities. New advanced pumped storage technologies could add the needed flexibility to integrate variable renewables, but U.S. development of pumped storage has been stalled for the last two decades.

Exchanging information concerning individual experience by industry experts through the DOE sponsored 2010 Pumped Storage Summit was informational and helped DOE to identify a set of key issues preventing the deployment of advanced pumped storage hydropower technologies. DOE was able to utilize the key information obtained at that meeting to carefully target research and development funding towards high-impact projects, such as benefits demonstration and pre-construction support.

DOE is planning a workshop for the exchange of information on hydropower's ability to integrate variable renewables into our nation's grid. Participants at the September workshop should limit information and comments to those based on personal experience, individual advice, information, or facts regarding this topic. It is not the object of this session to obtain any group position or consensus. Rather, this meeting is an opportunity for participants to gain an individual understanding of the cited knowledge, research, and technology needs. To most effectively use the limited time, please refrain from passing judgment on another participant's recommendations or advice, and instead, concentrate on your individual experiences.

Public Participation: This workshop is designed to bring together a multi-disciplinary set of stakeholders—from policymakers to equipment manufacturers, from hydro owner-operators to solar and wind industry experts, to individually identify and address all aspects of highest-leverage barriers to utilizing hydropower and pumped storage to integrate variable renewables. The event is open to the public based on space availability.

Participants are required to pre-register and space is limited.

Pre-Registration: To pre-register, please visit www.yesevents.com/DOE_Hydropower_Integration or contact Stacey Young via email at Hydropower_Integration@sra.com or by telephone at (202) 554-8480 x2924. Participants interested in attending should provide their name, company name or organization (if applicable), telephone number, and email no later than the close of business on Tuesday September 4, 2012. All attendees are required to pre-register.

Agenda: The first day the DOE WWPP will open the workshop with its view of the current landscape of hydropower and pumped storage development and will then provide the opportunity for a variety of experts to describe their perspective on the state of the industry and associated technologies. For the remainder of the day, hydropower technological capabilities, operational constraints, and market barriers will be discussed sequentially. At the end of each workshop session, DOE will seek input from individual participants regarding what they believe are the most significant barriers and issues. The half-day session on the second day will be scheduled in its entirety to allow for comments from participants on how to tackle the high-impact issues identified by DOE from the previous workshop sessions.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: Individuals requiring special accommodations at the meeting, please contact Ms. Young no later than the close of business on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Minutes: A summary report of the meeting will be available for printing at the DOE Water Program Online Publication and Product Library at: water.energy.gov/publications.html.

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Jose Zayas,

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