

will be subject to annual true-up adjustment described below.

Monthly Rate: The initial monthly base rate for capacity and energy sold under this rate schedule shall be:

Initial Base Demand charge (includes 1500 hours of energy annually): \$3.115 per kilowatt/month of total contract demand.

Initial Base Energy Charge: None.

Initial Base Additional Energy Charge: 11.612 mills per kilowatt-hour.

True-up Adjustment: The base demand charge and base additional energy charge under this scenario will be subject to annual adjustment on April 1 of each year based on transfers to specific power plant-in-service. Under this scenario 3, the adjustment is for each increase of \$1,000,000 to specific power plant-in-service an increase of \$ 0.003 per kilowatt per month added to the base Capacity rate and an increase of 0.012 mills per kilowatt-hour added to the additional energy rate.

Southeastern will give written notice to the Customer of the amount of the true-up by February 1 of each year.

Transmission Charge: The initial charge for transmission and Ancillary Services will be the Customer's ratable share of the charges for transmission, distribution, and ancillary services paid by the Government. The charges for transmission and ancillary services are governed by and subject to refund based upon the determination in proceedings before FERC or other overseeing entity involving the TVA's and other transmission provider's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

Proceedings before FERC or other overseeing entity involving the OATT or the Distribution charge may result in the separation of charges currently included in the transmission rate. In this event, the Government may charge the Customer for any and all separate transmission, ancillary services, and distribution charges paid by the Government in behalf of the Customer. These charges could be recovered through a capacity charge or an energy charge, as determined by the Government.

Energy to be Made Available: The energy will be scheduled by TVA and the Customer will receive their ratable

share, in accordance with the Government-Customer Contract. Energy shall be accounted for, in accordance with agreements with TVA.

The Customer will receive a ratable share of their capacity, in accordance with the Government-Customer Contract.

Service Interruption: When delivery of capacity to TVA is interrupted or reduced due to conditions on the Department of Energy's system that are beyond its control, the Department of Energy will continue to make available the portion of its declaration of energy that can be generated with the capacity available. The customer will receive a ratable share of this capacity.

For such interruption or reduction (exclusive of any restrictions provided in the agreement) due to conditions on the Department of Energy's system which have not been arranged for and agreed to in advance, the demand charge for scheduled capacity made available to the Customer will be reduced as to the kilowatts of such scheduled capacity which have been so interrupted or reduced for each day in accordance with the following formula:

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Number of kilowatts unavailable} \\ \text{for at least 12 hours in any calendar day} \end{array} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{Monthly Capacity Charge}}{\text{Number of Days in Billing Month}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{Contract Demand}}{880,000 \text{ Kilowatts}} \right)$$

Wholesale Rate Schedule Replacement—3

Availability: This rate schedule shall be available to public bodies and cooperatives (any one of whom is hereinafter called the Customer) in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia to whom power is provided pursuant to contracts between the Government and the customer from the Dale Hollow, Center Hill, Wolf Creek, Cheatham, Old Hickory, Barkley, J. Percy Priest, Cordell Hull, and Laurel Projects (all of such projects being hereinafter called collectively the "Cumberland Projects").

Applicability: This rate schedule shall be applicable to the sale of wholesale energy purchased to meet contract minimum energy sold under appropriate contracts between the Government and the Customer.

Character of Service: The energy supplied hereunder will be delivered at the delivery points provided for under

appropriate contracts between the Government and the Customer.

Monthly Charge: The rate for replacement energy will be a formulaary capacity charge based on the monthly cost to the Government to purchase replacement energy necessary to support capacity in the Cumberland System divided by the capacity available from the Cumberland System, which is 950,000 kilowatts in the published power marketing policy. The capacity rate will be adjusted for any capacity retained by the Customer's transmission facilitator.

Conditions of Service: The customer shall at its own expense provide, install, and maintain on its side of each delivery point the equipment necessary to protect and control its own system.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Science.

ACTION: Notice of Open Teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a conference call of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Council. 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: October 23, 2015, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: To receive the call-in information, attendees should register for the conference call on the PCAST Web site, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast> no later than 12:00 p.m. (ET) on Tuesday, October 21, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding the meeting agenda, time, location, and how to register for the meeting is available on the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. Questions about the meeting should be directed to Ms. Jennifer Michael at: Jennifer_L_Michael@ostp.eop.gov, (202) 456-4444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House, cabinet departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. PCAST is consulted about and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understandings from the domains of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House; and Dr. Eric S. Lander, President, Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda: The President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is scheduled to hold a public conference call on October 23, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Open Portion of Meeting: During this open meeting, PCAST is scheduled to discuss its study of hearing technologies as part of a larger project about technologies to help older Americans live independently as they age. Additional information and the agenda, including any changes that arise, will be posted at the PCAST's Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>.

Public Comments: It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on October 23, 2015, at a time specified in the meeting agenda posted on the PCAST Web site at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on

PCAST's work, not for business marketing purposes.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>, no later than 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 14, 2015. Telephone or email reservations will not be accepted. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of up to 10 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST will randomly select speakers from among those who applied. Those not selected to present oral comments may always file written comments with the committee.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted continuously, written comments should be submitted to PCAST no later than 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on October 14, 2015, so the comments may be made available to the PCAST members, for their consideration, prior to the meeting. Information regarding how to submit comments and documents to PCAST is available at: <http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>, in the section entitled: "Connect with PCAST."

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST Web site.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should contact Ms. Jennifer Michael at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

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Updating and Improving the DOE Methodology for Assessing the Cost-Effectiveness of Building Energy Codes

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or Department) has updated its methodology for assessing the cost-effectiveness of building energy codes. The Department relies upon this methodology in evaluating both potential code changes and entire new editions of model codes, such as the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 90.1. DOE developed its methodology through a public process, and reviews its methods regularly to ensure its underlying analysis and assumptions remain valid.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeremiah Williams; U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, EE-5B, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 287-1941; Jeremiah.Williams@ee.doe.gov.

For legal issues, please contact Kavita Vaidyanathan; U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, GC-33, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-0669; Kavita.Vaidyanathan@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE issued a recent request for information (RFI) to seek public input on proposed updates to its methodology, and as part of a regular effort to ensure its analysis and underlying assumptions remain valid (80 FR 19974).¹ The Department reviewed and considered each comment received, and has revised its methodology based on feedback resulting from the RFI. Updated methodology reports for residential and commercial buildings, respectively, are available on the DOE Building Energy Codes Program Web site:

- *Residential:* <https://www.energycodes.gov/development/residential/methodology>.

¹Recent request for information published in the **Federal Register** on April 14, 2015 (Docket No. EERE-2015-BT-BC-0001).