

marine mammal distribution through the project period, accounting for sea state and other factors affecting visibility and detectability of marine mammals);

(ii) Summaries that represent an initial level of interpretation of the efficacy, measurements, and observations, rather than raw data, fully processed analyses, or a summary of operations and important observations;

(iii) Analyses of the effects of various factors influencing detectability of marine mammals (*e.g.*, sea state, number of observers, and fog/glare);

(iv) Species composition, occurrence, and distribution of marine mammal sightings, including date, water depth, numbers, age/size/gender categories (if determinable), group sizes, and ice cover;

(v) Estimates of uncertainty in all take estimates, with uncertainty expressed by the presentation of confidence limits, a minimum-maximum, posterior probability distribution, or another applicable method, with the exact approach to be selected based on the sampling method and data available; and

(vi) A clear comparison of authorized takes and the level of actual estimated takes.

(d) The draft report shall be subject to review and comment by NMFS. Any recommendations made by NMFS must be addressed in the final report prior to acceptance by NMFS. The draft report will be considered the final report for this activity under this Authorization if NMFS has not provided comments and recommendations within 90 days of receipt of the draft report.

(10)(a) In the unanticipated event that survey operations clearly cause the take of a marine mammal in a manner prohibited by this Authorization, such as a serious injury or mortality (*e.g.*, ship-strike, gear interaction, and/or entanglement), Quintillion shall immediately cease cable-laying operations and immediately report the incident to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at 301-427-8401. The report must include the following information:

(i) Time, date, and location (latitude/longitude) of the incident;

(ii) The name and type of vessel involved;

(iii) The vessel's speed during and leading up to the incident;

(iv) Description of the incident;

(v) Status of all sound source use in the 24 hours preceding the incident;

(vi) Water depth;

(vii) Environmental conditions (*e.g.*, wind speed and direction, Beaufort sea state, cloud cover, and visibility);

(viii) Description of marine mammal observations in the 24 hours preceding the incident;

(ix) Species identification or description of the animal(s) involved;

(x) The fate of the animal(s); and

(xi) Photographs or video footage of the animal (if equipment is available).

(b) Activities shall not resume until NMFS is able to review the circumstances of the prohibited take. NMFS shall work with Quintillion to determine what is necessary to minimize the likelihood of further prohibited take and ensure MMPA compliance. Quintillion may not resume their activities until notified by NMFS via letter, email, or telephone.

(c) In the event that Quintillion discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead PSO determines that the cause of the injury or death is unknown and the death is relatively recent (*i.e.*, in less than a moderate state of decomposition as described in the next paragraph), Quintillion will immediately report the incident to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at 301-427-8401 and the NMFS Alaska Stranding Hotline (1-877-925-7773). The report must include the same information identified in Condition 10(a) above. Activities may continue while NMFS reviews the circumstances of the incident. NMFS will work with Quintillion to determine whether modifications in the activities are appropriate.

(d) In the event that Quintillion discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead PSO determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the activities authorized in Condition 3 of this Authorization (*e.g.*, previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, or scavenger damage), Quintillion shall report the incident to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at 301-427-8401 and the NMFS Alaska Stranding Hotline (1-877-925-7773) within 24 hours of the discovery. Quintillion shall provide photographs or video footage (if available) or other documentation of the stranded animal sighting to NMFS and the Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Quintillion can continue its operations under such a case.

(11) The Plan of Cooperation outlining the steps that will be taken to cooperate and communicate with the native communities to ensure the

availability of marine mammals for subsistence uses, must be implemented.

(12) This Authorization may be modified, suspended, or withdrawn if the holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein or if the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on the species or stock of affected marine mammals, or if there is an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for subsistence uses.

(13) A copy of this Authorization and the Incidental Take Statement must be in the possession of each vessel operator taking marine mammals under the authority of this Incidental Harassment Authorization.

(14) Quintillion is required to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement corresponding to NMFS' Biological Opinion.

#### Request for Public Comments

NMFS requests comment on our analysis, the draft authorization, and any other aspect of the Notice of Proposed IHA for Quintillion's proposed subsea cable-laying operation in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on Quintillion's request for an MMPA authorization.

Dated: March 24, 2016.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Market Risk Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announces that on April 26, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Market Risk Advisory Committee (MRAC) will hold a public meeting at the CFTC's Washington, DC, headquarters. The MRAC will describe and discuss how well the derivatives markets are currently functioning, including the impact and implications of the evolving structure of these markets on the movement of risk across market participants. Specific topics to be covered are listed in this Notice.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 26, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. Members of the public who wish to submit written statements in connection with the meeting should submit them by May 10, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in the Conference Center at the CFTC's headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. Written statements should be submitted by mail to: Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, attention: Secretary of the Commission; or by electronic mail to: [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Please use the title "Market Risk Advisory Committee" in any written statement you submit. Any statements submitted in connection with the committee meeting will be made available to the public, including by publication on the CFTC Web site, [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Petal Walker, MRAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581; (202) 418-5794.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MRAC will describe and discuss how well the derivatives markets are currently functioning, including the impact and implications of the evolving structure of these markets on the movement of risk across market participants. Specifically, the MRAC will describe and discuss:

(a) How effectively end-users and other market participants, in different asset classes (e.g., energy, rates), are able to find counterparties for transactions, receive accurate pricing and volume information, and otherwise access the markets; and

(b) The extent and nature of the current use of portfolio compression and related services, and the benefits and challenges posed by portfolio compression activity in the derivatives markets.

The meeting will be open to the public with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public may also listen to the meeting by telephone by calling a domestic toll-free telephone or international toll or toll-free number to connect to a live, listen-only audio feed. Call-in participants should be prepared to provide their first name, last name, and affiliation.

Domestic Toll Free: 1-866-844-9416.

International Toll and Toll Free: Will be posted on the CFTC's Web site, [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov), on the page for the meeting, under Related Documents.

Pass Code/Pin Code: CFTC.

After the meeting, a transcript of the meeting will be published through a link on the CFTC's Web site, [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov). All written submissions provided to the CFTC in any form will also be published on the CFTC's Web site. Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting because of a disability should notify the contact person listed in this Notice.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. app. 2 § 10(a)(2)).

Dated: March 25, 2016.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 16-C0002]

### Gree Electric Appliances, Inc. of Zhuhai, Hong Kong Gree Electric Appliances Sales Co., Ltd., and Gree USA Sales, Ltd., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Gree Electric Appliances, Inc. of Zhuhai, Hong Kong Gree Electric Appliances Sales Co., Ltd., and Gree USA Sales, Ltd. containing a civil penalty in the amount of fifteen million four hundred fifty thousand dollars (US\$15,450,000) within thirty (30) days of service of the Commission's final Order accepting the Settlement Agreement.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by April 14, 2016.

<sup>1</sup> The Commission voted (4-1) to provisionally accept the Settlement Agreement and Order regarding Gree Electric Appliances, Inc. of Zhuhai, Hong Kong Gree Electric Appliances Sales Co., Ltd., and Gree USA Sales, Ltd. Chairman Kaye, Commissioner Adler, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Mohorovic voted to provisionally accept the Settlement Agreement and Order. Commissioner Buerkle voted to reject the Settlement Agreement and Order. Commissioner Mohorovic and Commissioner Robinson filed statements regarding this matter. The statements are available at the Office of the Secretary or the CPSC Web site, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 16-C0002, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 820, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel R. Vice, Trial Attorney, Division of Compliance, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4408; telephone (301) 504-6996.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**  
*Secretary.*

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

In the Matter of: GREE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES, INC., OF ZHUHAI, HONG KONG GREE ELECTRIC APPLIANCES SALES CO., LTD., AND GREE USA SALES, LTD.

CPSC Docket No.: 16-C0002

### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. In accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051-2089 ("CPSA") and 16 CFR 1118.20, Gree Electric Appliances, Inc., of Zhuhai, Hong Kong Gree Electric Appliances Sales Co., Ltd., and Gree USA Sales, Ltd. (collectively "Gree"), and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission ("Commission"), through its staff, hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"). The Agreement, and the incorporated attached Order, resolve staff's charges that Gree is subject to civil penalties in this matter, under section 20 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069, as set forth below.

### THE PARTIES

2. The Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency, established pursuant to, and responsible for the enforcement of, the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2051-2089. By executing the Agreement, staff is acting on behalf of the Commission, pursuant to 16 CFR 1118.20(b). The Commission issues the Order under the provisions of the CPSA.

3. Gree Electric Appliances, Inc., of Zhuhai, is incorporated in China, and its principal place of business is in China. Hong Kong Gree Electric Appliances Sales Co., Ltd., is incorporated in Hong Kong, and its