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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on Accelerated Materials R&D, Testing/Qualification, and Cost-Effective Manufacturing Routes for Harsh Service Environment Materials

AGENCY: Advanced Manufacturing Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Office of Advanced Energy Systems, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for Information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) number DE-FOA-0002385 regarding the MATERIALS FOR HARSH SERVICE CONDITIONS R&D. This RFI is sponsored by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO), and the Office of Fossil Energy (FE), Office of Advanced Energy Systems (AES). The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on issues related to challenges and opportunities in various aspects of harsh service environment materials. These include: Accelerated materials research, development, and demonstration (RD&D), testing/qualification methods, and cost-effective manufacturing routes for the development of components, systems, and products exhibiting significant, or step-change improvements over current state-of-the-art in system energy performance under harsh service conditions and extended service lifetimes. This information will be used by AMO and AES to inform strategies in support of energy savings and cost reduction goals, as well as to inform future planning and to possibly make adjustments to their R&D portfolios.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received by September 17, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to HarshMaterialsRFI@ee.doe.gov. Include Harsh Service Materials R&D in the subject of the title. Only electronic responses will be accepted. The

complete RFI document is located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions may be addressed to Nick Lalena, 202-923-5637, or HarshMaterialsRFI@ee.doe.gov. Further instructions can be found in the RFI document posted on the EERE Exchange.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on issues related to challenges and opportunities in accelerated materials RD&D, testing/qualification methods, and cost effective manufacturing routes for the development of components, systems, and products exhibiting significant, or step-change improvements over current state-of-the-art in system energy performance under harsh service conditions and extended service lifetimes. Harsh environments include high temperature and corrosive environments, conditions of high mechanical wear/stress/load, thermal cycling and exposure to hydrogen, irradiation, and other embrittlement mechanisms. AMO and AES now seek to gather input from stakeholders on the technical and commercial prospects of novel material development and new manufacturing capabilities including but not limited to the advantages and technical challenges associated with new material breakthroughs, strategies for de-risking the cost and performance of novel materials, and considerations for scale-up of new materials manufacturing methods. AMO and AES seek individual input on high-reaching targets/metrics and identification of key problem sets to be addressed. The intent is to define critical crosscutting problems/barriers whose solutions represent near-term commercially viable paths to obtaining materials that can produce a step change improvement in energy performance under harsh service conditions beyond current state of the art. Specific questions can be found in the RFI. The RFI is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

Confidential Business Information

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked “confidential” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be

confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 06, 2020, by Valri Lightner, Acting Director, Advanced Manufacturing Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 7, 2020.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office Research and Development Strategy Request for Information

AGENCY: Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office (HFTO), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) number DE-FOA-0002379 regarding the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office Research and Development Strategy. This RFI is issued by the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office (HFTO) within DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) to understand how hydrogen and fuel cell research priorities and goals can address evolving technology needs and to inform related research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) activities that may be undertaken by DOE. The information being sought under this RFI is intended to assist HFTO in further defining the scope and priorities of its

RD&D initiatives as well as its consortia that were established to address its priorities.

DATES: Responses to the RFI must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on September 15, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments using the Online Response Collector found at the specified web link included in the RFI document. Alternatively, responses can be submitted as an attachment to an email addressed to HFTORFI@ee.doe.gov with "HFTO RFI" in the subject line. Email attachments can be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) file or an Adobe PDF (.pdf) file, prepared in accordance with the detailed instructions in the RFI. Documents submitted electronically should clearly indicate which topic areas and specific questions are being addressed, and should be limited to no more than 25 MB in size. The complete RFI [DE-FOA-0002379] document is located at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be addressed to HFTORFI@ee.doe.gov or to Nancy Garland at 202-586-5673. Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the RFI is to obtain public input on HFTO's efforts to accelerate research, development, demonstration, commercialization, and adoption of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies. The information being sought under this RFI is intended to address evolving technologies needs by assisting HFTO in further defining the scope and priorities of its RD&D initiatives and as well as its consortia that were established to address its priorities. More specifically, HFTO request feedback on the following specific areas of interest outlined in the RFI:

1. The H2@Scale Initiative, an initiative supporting innovations to produce, store, transport, and use hydrogen across multiple sectors;
2. the HFTO Strategy and Multiyear Plan;
3. Priority Application Focus Areas, including integrated energy systems, heavy-duty transportation applications, and industrial and chemical applications; and
4. Funding Mechanisms and Opportunities, including lab calls, CRADA, FOAs, and consortia models.

Specific questions can be found in the RFI. The RFI is available at: <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>.

Confidential Business Information: Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email, postal mail, or hand delivery two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Submit these documents via email or on a CD, if feasible. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 6, 2020, by Sunita Satyapal, Director, Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Technology Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the U.S. Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 6, 2020.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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North Fork Ridge Wind, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced North Fork Ridge Wind, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is August 25, 2020.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (888) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 5, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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