

efficiency (decrease consumption of energy) and increase the deployment and use of renewable energy and/or clean energy. Knowing this requirement, what metric is most appropriate to measure progress toward meeting the goal of achieving greenhouse gas reductions and the expansion of renewable/clean energy infrastructure?

Section Specific

Question 4: In particular, for Section 22004, what is the most effective way to measure comparative reductions in carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide emissions?

Question 5: Section 22001 of the IRA authorizes a new financing mechanism for the RUS Electric Program by providing partial loan forgiveness. The maximum amount allowed to be forgiven is 50 percent. Under the statute, the Secretary may authorize forgiveness above 50 percent.

- Should loan forgiveness be a standard amount for all applicants or tiered based on certain criteria?
- What circumstances should justify the Secretary exceeding the 50% limitation under Sec. 22001?

Question 6: As consumer owned entities, how can cooperatives ensure that savings resulting from this program contribute to Section 22004's statutory purpose of "affordability?"

Question 7: Section 22002 provides additional funding for REAP. A key difference under IRA is the ability for the Agency to provide up to 50 percent of the cost of an activity carried out using grant funds. How should the Agency determine the level of grant for individual applications? Should there be a standard grant amount or a tiered approach? What criteria should drive a tiered approach?

Question 8: Section 22002 provides additional funding for underutilized technology projects and technical assistance for the purposes of applying to the program. What strategies should RD use to engage and encourage applications under this section?

Listening Session

Rural Development will hold the listening session on the dates listed in **DATES** section of this notice. Oral comments received from this listening session will be documented. All attendees of the listening sessions who submit oral comments may also be submit a written copy to help Rural Development accurately capture public input. In addition, stakeholders and the public who do not wish to attend or speak during the listing session are invited to submit written comments which must be received by the date

indicated in the **DATES** section of this notice.

At the listening session, the focus is for Rural Development to hear from the public; this is not a discussion with Rural Development officials or a question-and-answer session. As noted above, the purpose is to receive public input that Rural Development can factor into decisions it needs to make in order to implement the IRA.

Each listening session will begin with brief opening remarks from USDA leadership in Rural Development. Individual speakers providing oral comments are requested to be succinct (the agency reserves the right to announce a time limitation at the beginning of each session based on attendance) as we do not know at this time how many participants there will be. As noted above, speakers providing oral comments may also provide a written copy of their comments. (See the **ADDRESSES** section above for information about submitting written comments.)

Rural Development will be using the Zoom platform to host the virtual listening session.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of planning meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by Zoom virtual platform and conference call on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. ET, for project planning.

DATES: Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. ET.

Public Zoom Conference Link (video and audio): <https://tinyurl.com/ycxd3xdj>; password, if needed: USCCR-MD.

If Phone Only: 1-551-285 1373; Meeting ID: 161 853 1651#.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is available to the public through the web link above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with conference details found through registering at the web link above. To request additional accommodations, please email mwojnaroski@usccr.gov at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are invited to make statements during the open comment period of the meeting or submit written comments. The comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at www.facadatabase.gov. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, www.usccr.gov, or to contact Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov.

Agenda

Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. ET

- Welcome and Rollcall
- Discussion: Project Planning
- Open Comment
- Adjournment

Dated: October 24, 2022.

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