

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge**

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, February 14, 2024; 6 p.m.–8 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: This hybrid meeting will be in-person at the Department of Energy (DOE) Information Center (address below) and virtually via Zoom. To attend virtually or to register for in-person attendance, please send an email to: orssab@orem.doe.gov by 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

DOE Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melyssa P. Noe, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM), P.O. Box 2001, EM-942, Oak Ridge, TN 37831; Phone (865) 241-3315; or email: Melyssa.No@orem.doe.gov. Or visit the website at www.energy.gov/orssab.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

Tentative Agenda:

- OREM Presentation
- Discussion
- Public Comment Period
- Board Business

Public Participation: This meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, 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 Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of

the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board via email either before or after the meeting. Public comments received by no later than 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, will be read aloud during the meeting.

Comments will be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Please submit comments to orssab@orem.doe.gov. Please put “Public Comment” in the subject line.

Individuals who wish to make oral statements should contact Melyssa P. Noe at the email 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 submit written public comments should email them as directed above. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by emailing or calling Melyssa P. Noe at the email address and telephone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/orem/listings/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board-meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 3, 2024, by David Borak, Deputy Committee Management Officer, 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 January 3, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Notice of Availability of Guidance on Implementing the Federal Power Act To Designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors**

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of availability of the final Guidance setting forth the nonbinding process that DOE plans to generally follow to designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC) pursuant to the Federal Power Act. The Federal Power Act requires DOE to issue a report not less frequently than once every three years, which may designate as a NIETC any geographic area that is experiencing or is expected to experience electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers. NIETC designation focuses public and policymaker attention on the areas of greatest transmission need and unlocks valuable Federal financing and permitting tools to advance transmission development.

DATES: Interested parties may submit information and recommendations based on the list of information requested for Phase 1 in the Guidance by 5:00 p.m. ET on February 2, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gretchen Kershaw, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, at (202) 586-2006; or NIETC@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE’s Grid Deployment Office (GDO) is announcing the availability of the *Guidance on Implementing Section 216(a) of the Federal Power Act to Designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors* (NIETC Guidance). Section 216(a)(2) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 40105 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), requires DOE to issue a report not less frequently than once every three years, which may designate as a NIETC any geographic area that is experiencing or is expected to experience electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers. DOE must base any NIETC designation on the findings of DOE’s triennial nationwide study required by FPA section 216(a)(1), which DOE refers to as the National Transmission Needs Study (Needs Study), or other information relating to electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion. In addition, the FPA requires DOE to consider alternatives

and recommendations from interested parties (including an opportunity for comment from affected States and Indian Tribes) and to consult with regional entities when designating a NIETC. FPA section 216(a)(4) allows DOE to also consider several additional factors in designating a NIETC.

The NIETC Guidance describes DOE's intended implementation of this statutory authority and initiates the process for designating one or more NIETCs following issuance of the Needs Study released in October 2023. The NIETC Guidance expands on DOE's May 15, 2023, Notice of Intent and Request for Information, which set forth key elements of a process through which interested parties could propose NIETC designation and requested comment on the process generally and in response to other specific questions (88 FR 30956). The NIETC Guidance includes revisions made in response to comments and input DOE received.

The NIETC Guidance sets forth a four-phase process, which begins with DOE's evaluation of the results of the most recent final Needs Study to begin identifying potential geographic areas for NIETC designation and concurrent opening of a 45-day Phase 1 information submission window. During this window, interested parties may submit information and recommendations on the narrow geographic boundaries of potential NIETCs, the present or expected transmission capacity constraints or congestion within those geographic boundaries, and the relevant discretionary factors in FPA section 216(a)(4). Phase 2 of the NIETC designation process begins with DOE's public issuance of a preliminary list of potential NIETC designations. This opens a 45-day comment period and Phase 2 information submission window for submission of additional information on geographic boundaries and permitting. DOE plans to prioritize which potential NIETCs move to Phase 3 based on the available information on geographic boundaries and permitting and preliminary review of comments. During Phase 3, DOE continues to independently assess the basis for NIETC designation, initiates any needed environmental reviews, and conducts robust public engagement, culminating in the release of one or more draft designation reports and draft environmental documents, as needed, for public comment. Phase 4 is the conclusion of the NIETC designation process, with issuance of one or more final designation reports and final environmental documents, as needed.

NIETC designation focuses public and policymaker attention on the areas of

greatest transmission need and unlocks valuable federal financing and permitting tools to advance transmission development. These include DOE authorities under the IJJA, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's permitting authority under FPA section 216(b). Members of the public can visit GDO's website to access the NIETC Guidance at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/2023-12-15%20GDO%20NIETC%20Final%20Guidance%20Document.pdf>.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 2, 2024, by Maria D. Robinson, 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. The administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 3, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10-2806-008.

Applicants: TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.

Description: Market: Triennial Market Power Update Analysis—Southeast Region to be effective 2/28/2024.

Filed Date: 12/29/23.

Accession Number: 20231229-5333.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/27/24.

Docket Numbers: ER10-2818-008.

Applicants: TransAlta Energy Marketing Corporation.

Description: Market: TransAlta Energy Marketing Corp. submits tariff filing per

35.37: Triennial Market Power Update Analysis—Southeast Region to be effective 2/28/2024.

Filed Date: 12/29/23.

Accession Number: 20231229-5325.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 2/27/24.

Docket Numbers: ER23-2003-003.

Applicants: Invenergy Nelson Expansion LLC.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Deficiency Letter Response to be effective 7/1/2023.

Filed Date: 1/2/24.

Accession Number: 20240102-5356.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

Docket Numbers: ER23-2721-000.

Applicants: Idaho Power Company.

Description: Idaho Power Company submits Average System Cost Rate Filing for Sales of Electric Power to the Bonneville Power Administration, FY 2024-2025.

Filed Date: 8/28/23.

Accession Number: 20230828-5434.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24-48-001.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): Griffin Road (GASNF Solar) LGIA Deficiency Response to be effective 10/2/2023.

Filed Date: 1/2/24.

Accession Number: 20240102-5367.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24-49-001.

Applicants: Alabama Power Company, Georgia Power Company, Mississippi Power Company.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Alabama Power Company submits tariff filing per 35.17(b): Baker Creek Solar LGIA Deficiency Response to be effective 9/28/2023.

Filed Date: 1/2/24.

Accession Number: 20240102-5322.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/23/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24-792-000.

Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment of WMPA, Service Agreement No. 6731; Queue No. AE2-248 to be effective 2/28/2024.

Filed Date: 12/29/23.

Accession Number: 20231229-5348.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/19/24.

Docket Numbers: ER24-793-000.

Applicants: Entergy Texas, Inc.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: ETI-EETEC First Revised Coordination Services Agreement to be effective 2/27/2024.

Filed Date: 12/29/23.

Accession Number: 20231229-5358.