TABLE 1—TAKE ANALYSIS—Continued

Species	Authorized take	Scaled take [1]	Abundance [2]	Percent abundance
Spinner dolphin	385	111	2,991	3.7.
Striped dolphin	2,924	839	16,102	5.2.
Fraser's dolphin	795	228	1,665	13.7.
Risso's dolphin	547	161	1,974	8.2.
Blackfish [4]	3,312	977	9,535	10.2.
Short-finned pilot whale	797	235	3,277	7.2.

[1] Scalar ratios were applied to "Authorized Take" values as described at 91 FR 20784 (April 17, 2026) to derive scaled take numbers shown here.
[2] Best abundance estimate. For most taxa, the best abundance estimate for purposes of comparison with take estimates is considered here to be the model-predicted abundance (Garrison *et al.,* 2023). For Rice's whale, Atlantic spotted dolphin, spinner dolphin, and Risso's dolphin, the estimated SAR abundance estimate is used.
[3] Includes 18 takes by Level A harassment and 262 takes by Level B harassment. Scalar ratio is applied to takes by Level B harassment only; small numbers determination made on basis of scaled Level B harassment take plus authorized Level A harassment take.
[4] The "blackfish" guild includes melon-headed whales, false killer whales, pygmy killer whales, and killer whales.

Based on the analysis contained herein of bp's proposed survey activity described in its LOA application, as subsequently modified by bp, and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the affected species or stock sizes (*i.e.,* less than one-third of the best available abundance estimate) and therefore the taking is of no more than small numbers.

Authorization

NMFS has determined that the level of taking for this LOA modification request is consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the incidental take regulations and that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers. Accordingly, we have issued a modification to the LOA to bp authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

Dated: August 13, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of the Secretarial Boards & Councils, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) will be renewed for a two-year period beginning on August 26, 2026. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on energy policies; the Department's basic and applied research and developmental activities; economic and national security policy; and on any other activities and operations of the Department of Energy.

DATES: The projected renewal date is August 26, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Borak, SEAB Designated Federal Officer, by Phone: 240–306–5557 or Email: *david.borak@hq.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The renewal of the SEAB has been determined to be essential to conduct business of the Department of Energy and to be the in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy, by law and agreement. The Board will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, adhering to the rules and regulations in implementation of that Act.

Public Interest Determination: Pursuant to 41 United States Code (U.S.C.) 102–3.60(a), to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 102–3.35, an agency shall follow the same consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is providing this written public interest determination, which has been approved by the Secretary of Energy, to demonstrate that renewing the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) is in the public interest:

1. Annual budget: Approximately $375,000.

a. Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis: The estimated annual person years of Federal support required is 1 FTE, at an estimated annual cost of $250,000.

b. Other Federal internal costs: The estimate for other Federal internal costs, which include Federal travel, meeting/administrative expenses, and contractor costs, is $100,000.

c. Proposed payments to members: $0.

d. Proposed number of members: Approximately 20 members.

e. Reimbursable costs: The estimate for reimbursable costs, including members' travel expenses, is $25,000.

2. If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the Fiscal Year: N/A

3. Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership: Membership of the Committee has been carefully considered to obtain a balance of disciplines, experiences, points of view, and geography. The members span academia, private institutions, and the private sector.

4. List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency:

- 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board
- Advisory Committee for Nuclear Security
- Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee
- Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

- Carbon Dioxide Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration Federal Lands Permitting Task Force
- Carbon Dioxide Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration Non-Federal Lands Permitting Task Force
- Electricity Advisory Committee
- Electric Vehicle Working Group
- Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board
- Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee
- Isotope Research & Development and Production Advisory Committee
- Industrial Technology Innovation Advisory Committee
- Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee
- National Coal Council
- National Petroleum Council
- National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee
- President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
- Office of Science Advisory Committee
- State Energy Advisory Board
- Technical Panel on Magnetic Fusion

5. Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source: No other advisory committee focuses only on cross-Departmental issues related to overall energy policy. This board is uniquely suited to find solutions to problems that the government alone cannot answer.

6. If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue: The SEAB was first established and chartered in 1990 under the administration of President George H.W. Bush. It has lapsed and been reestablished by subsequent administrations. SEAB was most recently reestablished in August 2012. The Secretary only recently appointed membership to the SEAB so there are not yet accomplishments in this administration. There is a pressing need to receive outside independent advice for our Nation's energy policies.

7. Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business: The SEAB specifically promotes the idea of energy dominance. America is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and is a leader in energy technologies and innovation that are critical to the economic prosperity and national security of the American people, as well as our partners and allies. The SEAB will help expand all forms of reliable and affordable energy production to drive down inflation, grow our economy, create good-paying jobs, reestablish American leadership in manufacturing, and lead the world in artificial intelligence. By utilizing our national assets, including our crude oil, natural gas, lease condensates, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, uranium, coal, biofuels, geothermal heat, the kinetic movement of flowing water, and critical minerals, we will preserve and protect our most beautiful places, reduce our dependency on foreign imports, and grow our economy—thereby enabling the reduction of our deficits and our debt. In conclusion, this public interest determination documents that renewing the committee is in the public interest and essential to the conduct of agency business, and that the information to be obtained is not already available through another advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 13, 2026, by David Borak, 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 August 14, 2026.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

Docket Numbers: ER23–2760–003.
Applicants: Omnis Pleasants, LLC.
Description: Triennial Market Power Analysis for Northeast Region of Omnis Pleasants, LLC.
Filed Date: 8/11/26.
Accession Number: 20260811–5173.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 10/13/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–2598–001.
Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.
Description: Tariff Amendment: 2026–08–13 UPI—SISA—Grandview—926—Deficiency Response to be effective 12/10/2025.
Filed Date: 8/13/26.
Accession Number: 20260813–5108.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/3/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3513–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Amendment to WMPA, SA No. 4448; Queue No. AB1–021 (amend) to be effective 10/13/2026.
Filed Date: 8/13/26.
Accession Number: 20260813–5097.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/3/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3514–000.
Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: 2026–08–13–PSC–PI–2024–21—SPB—PLGIA—BESS Project—878—0.1.0—Amnd to be effective 8/14/2026.
Filed Date: 8/13/26.
Accession Number: 20260813–5111.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/3/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3515–000.
Applicants: PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: Proposal to Establish Interim Resource Adequacy Service & a Large Load Registry to be effective 10/12/2026.
Filed Date: 8/13/26.
Accession Number: 20260813–5118.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/3/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3516–000.
Applicants: Louisville Gas and Electric Company.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: EKPC Cambellsville CIAC Rate Schedule No. 538 to be effective 10/13/2026.
Filed Date: 8/13/26.
Accession Number: 20260813–5132.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/3/26.

Docket Numbers: ER26–3517–000.
Applicants: Kentucky Utilities Company.
Description: 205(d) Rate Filing: KU Concurrence EKPC Cambellsville CIAC FERC No. 538 to be effective 10/13/2026.
Filed Date: 8/13/26.
Accession Number: 20260813–5144.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/3/26.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (*https://*