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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). Announcement of TGDC Subcommittee Public Meetings.

**DATE AND TIME:** The subcommittee meetings will be held September 20th (Transparency and Security), 21st (Core Requirements and Testing) and 22nd (Human Factors and Privacy), 2004 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESS AND REGISTRATION:** The meetings will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology North Campus, 820 West Diamond Avenue, Room 152, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Due to security requirements advance registration is required at <http://vote.nist.gov>. Registration will be available until 5 p.m., E.S.T., on Wednesday, September 15, 2004. There is no fee.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**SUMMARY:** Public Law 107-252, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), establishes a 15-member Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. HAVA names the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to chair the TGDC and requires NIST to provide the TGDC with technical support necessary to carry out its duties. The TGDC met on July 9, 2004, and resolved to establish three five-member subcommittees, each to be chaired by a member. The EAC subsequently approved formation of the subcommittees. The subcommittees are named: (1) Security and Transparency, (2) Human Factors and Privacy, and (3) Core Requirements and Testing.

The duties of the TGDC include the gathering and analysis of data and information related to the security of computers, human factors, voter privacy, and methods to detect and prevent fraud. The purpose of the subcommittee meetings is to provide an opportunity for the election community to offer testimony on technical issues

related to the TGDC's voluntary voting standards development process. Each meeting will be chaired by the respective subcommittee chair, and will consist of the presentation of panels of experts by technical subject matter. One hour will be reserved at the conclusion of each day for members of the public to provide up to five minutes of testimony. Members of the public intending to present testimony are requested to indicate this on the advance registration form. Relevant issues include security, transparency, human factors, privacy, core standards requirements and testing of voting systems. Further information on the hearings, including listings of subcommittee members and panel topics, is available at <http://vote.nist.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allan Eustis, Project Director, Technical Guidelines Development Committee, 100 Bureau Drive/MS 8900, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8900, phone (301) 975-5099 or e-mail [voting@nist.gov](mailto:voting@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission, Technical Guidelines Development Subcommittee Meetings, September 20, 21, and 22, 2004. 9 a.m.

### Agenda (Same for All Three Days)

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Adoption of Agenda  
Introductions  
Remarks by Commissioners  
Panel One  
Panel Two  
Panel Three  
Panel Four  
Public Comment Period  
Adjournment

**Note:** Composition and detailed subject matter for each of the various panels is under development. As information becomes available, these details will be posted at <http://vote.nist.gov>.

**Gracia M. Hillman,**

*Vice-Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Policy Statement; Energy Information Administration Policy for Disseminating Revisions to Petroleum Supply Reporting System Data

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Policy statement: Energy Information Administration policy for disseminating revisions to Petroleum Supply Reporting System data.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA has formalized its existing policy for disseminating revisions to Petroleum Supply Reporting System (PSRS) data. PSRS information products include data on production, receipts, inputs, movements, and stocks of crude oil, petroleum products, and natural gas liquids in the United States.

**DATES:** This policy becomes effective on September 7, 2004.

**ADDRESS:** Requests for information or questions about this policy should be directed to Ms. Stefanie Palumbo of EIA's Petroleum Division. Ms. Palumbo may be contacted by phone (202-586-6866), FAX (202-586-5846), or e-mail ([stefanie.palumbo@eia.doe.gov](mailto:stefanie.palumbo@eia.doe.gov)). Her mailing address is Petroleum Division, EI-42, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information about this policy should be directed to Ms. Palumbo at the address listed above. Information on EIA's petroleum supply program is available on EIA's Internet site at [http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil\\_gas/petroleum/info\\_glance/petroleum.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/info_glance/petroleum.html).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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II. Discussion of Comments  
III. Current Actions

#### I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy

resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands.

The purpose of EIA's Petroleum Supply Reporting System (PSRS) is to collect and disseminate basic and detailed data to meet EIA's mandates and energy data users' needs for credible, reliable, and timely information on U.S. petroleum supply. Adequate understanding of the U.S. petroleum industry requires data on production, receipts, inputs, movements, and stocks of crude oil, petroleum products, and natural gas liquids.

The PSRS is currently comprised of 16 surveys (*i.e.*, six weekly surveys, nine monthly surveys, and one annual survey). The surveys are:

- EIA-800, Weekly Refinery and Fractionator Report,
- EIA-801, Weekly Bulk Terminal Report,
- EIA-802, Weekly Product Pipeline Report,
- EIA-803, Weekly Crude Oil Stocks Report,
- EIA-804, Weekly Imports Report,
- EIA-805, Weekly Terminal Blenders Report,
- EIA-810, Monthly Refinery Report,
- EIA-811, Monthly Bulk Terminal Report,
- EIA-812, Monthly Product Pipeline Report,
- EIA-813, Monthly Crude Oil Report,
- EIA-814, Monthly Imports Report,
- EIA-815, Monthly Terminal Blenders Report,
- EIA-816, Monthly Natural Gas Liquids Report,
- EIA-817, Monthly Tanker and Barge Movement Report,
- EIA-819, Monthly Oxygenate Report, and
- EIA-820 Annual Refinery Report.

The data are disseminated in EIA's petroleum supply information products—the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR)*, *This Week in Petroleum (TWIP)*, the *Petroleum Supply Monthly (PSM)*, and the *Petroleum Supply Annual Volumes 1 and 2 (PSA)*. Within five days of the close of the reference week (excluding holiday weeks), weekly PSRS data are disseminated in the *WPSR* and *TWIP* to provide timely, relevant snapshots of the U.S. petroleum industry. Within two months of the close of a reference month, data based on the monthly surveys is disseminated in the *PSM*. About five months after the end of the reference year, final monthly data as well as annual data are published in the *PSA*.

The EIA provides the public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy

information conducted by EIA. As appropriate, EIA also requests comments on important issues relevant to its dissemination of energy information. Comments received help the EIA when preparing information collections and information products necessary to EIA's mission.

On July 9, 2004, EIA issued a **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 41461) requesting public comments on the policy for disseminating revisions to PSRS data. In that notice, EIA discussed conditions affecting the accuracy of PSRS data, reasons for revisions to PSRS data, and the existing policy for disseminating PSRS data. That policy has been in effect for over ten years.

## II. Discussion of Comments

In response to the **Federal Register** notice requesting comments on the PSRS revision policy, EIA received comments from one company. While the company expressed agreement with the policy for disseminating revisions to PSRS data, it did address the situation where a company resubmits revised data to EIA. The company requested that EIA staff should review resubmitted data before conducting follow-up on the originally submitted data. PSRS survey staff have been reminded to consider all information submitted by a company before conducting follow-up.

## III. Current Actions

EIA is formally stating its policy for disseminating revisions to PSRS data. This policy has been in effect for over ten years.

With respect to the weekly PSRS data, EIA will only disseminate revised data if the revision is expected to substantively affect understanding of the U.S. petroleum supply. Whether to disseminate a revision to weekly data will be based on EIA's judgment of the revision's expected effect. A revision will be disseminated in the next regularly scheduled release of the weekly products. Weekly PSRS data have been revised on average only once every five years.

The monthly PSRS data reflect EIA's official data on petroleum supply and are considered to be more accurate than the weekly data because they are generally based upon company accounting records instead of company estimates and EIA has more time to edit and correct anomalous data. With respect to the monthly PSRS data, EIA will only disseminate revised data during the year if the revision is expected to substantively affect understanding of the U.S. petroleum supply. Whether to disseminate a revision during the year will be based

on EIA's judgment of the revision's expected effect. At the end of year, the monthly data are revised to reflect all resubmitted data received during the year. These official final monthly petroleum supply data are included in the *PSA*. To assist users in understanding the expected effect of revisions to monthly data during the year, EIA publishes a separate monthly table, *Impact of Resubmissions on Major Series*, in each release of the *PSM*. During the last 10 years, EIA has not published revised monthly data outside this scheduled policy.

The *PSA* reflects EIA's final data on petroleum supply and will only be revised if, in EIA's judgment, a revision is expected to substantively affect understanding of the U.S. petroleum supply. EIA has not revised *PSA* data during the last 10 years.

When EIA disseminates any revised PSRS data, it will alert users to the affected data value(s) that are revised.

EIA reserves the right to revisit or amend this policy. However, EIA shall not establish a new PSRS revision policy without prior notification in the **Federal Register**.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 52 of the Federal Energy Administration Act (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 790a).

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**Guy F. Caruso,**

*Administrator, Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Dakotas Wind Transmission Study

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of final Study Scope.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given to interested parties of the final Study Scope for performing studies associated with the Dakotas Wind Transmission Study (DWTS). The DWTS involves transmission studies on placing of 500 megawatts (MW) of wind power in the Dakotas. Public comments were considered prior to finalizing the Study Scope.

**DATES:** The Study will begin October 7, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Robert J. Harris, Regional Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT