

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on this draft procedural manual on or before 5 p.m. EDT on January 31, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments via e-mail to [VotingSystemGuidelines@eac.gov](mailto:VotingSystemGuidelines@eac.gov); via mail to Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1201 New York Avenue, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005; or via fax to 202-566-1392. An electronic copy of the proposed manual may be found on the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov/open/comment.aspx>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Hancock, Director, Voting System Certification, Washington, DC (202) 566-3100, Fax: (202) 566-1392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background.* HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems. Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA (42 U.S.C. 15371) specifically requires the EAC to “\* \* \* provide for the testing, certification, decertification and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories.” To meet this obligation, the EAC has created a voluntary program to test voting systems to Federal voting system standards. The Voting System Testing and Certification Manual, published below, will set the procedures for this program.

In creating the Certification Manual in 2006 the EAC sought input from experts and stakeholders. Specifically, the EAC conducted meetings with representatives from the voting system test laboratory and voting system manufacturing community. The Commission also held a public hearing in which it received testimony from State election officials, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, academics, electronic voting system experts and public interest groups. Finally, the EAC sought input from the public.

EAC is required to resubmit the Testing and Certification Manual for renewal in accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requirements. The Testing and Certification Division has updated sections of the manual to reflect proposed changes in certification procedures. These sections are highlighted for ease of review.

*Comments.* Please submit comments consistent with the information below. Comments should identify and cite the section of the manual at issue. Where a substantive issue is raised, please propose a recommended change or alternative policy.

This notice is published in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, to request comments regarding the burden of responding to the information collection activities of the proposed manual; please refer to the EAC's Web site, <http://www.eac.gov>, for further information about the submission of comments regarding burden.

**Alice Miller,**  
Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. This notice announces the meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee.

**DATES:** December 15, 2010 at 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. EDT

**ADDRESSES:** Williamsburg Room (104-A), USDA Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura McCann, Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7766, [laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov); or Chrissy Fagerholm, (202) 586-2933, [Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

*Tentative Agenda:* Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities.
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities.

- Presentation from the National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts. (NAABB) Algae Consortium.

- Presentation on the Knowledge Discovery Framework.

- Presentation on USDA sustainability findings.

*Public Participation:* In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Laura McCann at 202-586-7766; E-mail: [laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov](mailto:laura.mccann@ee.doe.gov) or Chrissy Fagerholm at (202) 586-2933; E-mail: [Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Christina.Fagerholm@ee.doe.gov) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Please note that this meeting will be held in a Federal building, and therefore a photo ID and advance notice will be required to enter. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chair of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Chair will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://www.brdisolutions.com/publications/default.aspx#meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 24, 2010.

**Rachel Samuel,**

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP11-29-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

November 22, 2010.

Take notice that on November 12, 2010, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint), 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP11-29-000, a request for abandonment authority, pursuant to 18 CFR part 157