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Dated: February 28, 2012.

**Eduardo M. Ochoa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, Office of Science.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Advanced Scientific Computing Advisory Committee (ASCAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 28, 2012; 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** American Geophysical Union (AGU), 2000 Florida Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20009-1277.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melea Baker, Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research, SC-21/ Germantown Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, Telephone (301) 903-7486.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of this meeting is to provide advice and guidance to the Department of Energy on scientific priorities within the field of advanced scientific computing research.

#### Tentative Agenda Topics

- View from Washington
- View from Germantown
- Update on Exascale

- ARRA projects—Magellan final report, Advanced Networking update
- Status from Computer Science COV
- Early Career technical talks
- Summary of Applied Math and Computer Science Workshops
- ASCR's new SBIR awards
- Data-intensive Science
- Public Comment (10-minute rule)

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. A webcast of this meeting may be available. Please check the Committee's Web site below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Melea Baker at (301) 903-7486 or by email:

[Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov](mailto:Melea.Baker@science.doe.gov). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of this meeting will be available for viewing on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Web site at: [www.sc.doe.gov/ascr/ascac/](http://www.sc.doe.gov/ascr/ascac/).

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Solicitation of Comments on a Proposed Change to the Disclosure Limitation Policy for Information Reported on Form EIA-819 "Monthly Oxygenate Report"

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

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA is requesting comments on a proposal to change the data protection policy for information reported on fuel ethanol production capacity, (both nameplate and maximum sustainable capacity) and

make this information publicly available. The data protection policy for all other information reported on Form EIA-819 "Monthly Oxygenate Report" will remain the same.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by April 2, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to John Duff. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by Fax (202-586-4913) or email ([john.duff@eia.gov](mailto:john.duff@eia.gov)) is recommended. The mailing address is John Duff, EI-25, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, John Duff may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-9612. The EIA-819 Forms and Instructions are available at: <http://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-819>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to John Duff at the address listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Background
- Current Actions
- Request for Comments

#### I. Background

The Form EIA-819, "Monthly Oxygenate Report" collects data on oxygenate inputs, production, and end-of-month stocks. The form is required to be completed by the operators of all facilities that produce (manufacture or distill) oxygenates (including MTBE plants, petrochemical plants, and refineries) as part of their operations located in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. EIA stated in its survey instructions that it would protect the information to the extent that it satisfied the criteria for exemption under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations, 10 CFR 1004.11 implementing the FOIA, and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905. EIA now proposes to amend the instructions to state that EIA intends to treat all information reported on fuel ethanol production capacity, (both nameplate and maximum sustainable capacity) on Form EIA-819 as public information.

#### II. Current Actions

Beginning with the collection of July 2012 data, EIA proposes to treat all information reported on fuel ethanol production capacity, (both nameplate and maximum sustainable capacity) on Form EIA-819 as public information and release it on EIA's Web site. EIA will signify this change by amending the

instructions on Form EIA-819 to state that this information will be treated as public. The publicly available ethanol production capacity information would be identifiable by company and facility. The data protection policy for all other information reported on Form EIA-819 will remain the same and be protected to the extent that the information qualifies as confidential commercial information under the criteria for exemption in the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552; the Department of Energy (DOE) regulations, 10 CFR part 1004, which implement the FOIA; and the Trade Secrets Act, 18 U.S.C. 1905. The proposed policy change is based on EIA's mandate for carrying out a central, comprehensive, and unified energy data and information program responsive to users' needs for credible, reliable, and timely energy information that will improve and broaden understanding of energy in the United States.

EIA releases on its Web site, on an annual basis, the atmospheric crude oil distillation capacity and downstream charge capacity, by state, for each refinery in the *Refinery Capacity Report*. One important use of ethanol is for blending with gasoline. The publication of fuel ethanol plant production capacities by facility will provide comparable upstream information similar to refineries and will be useful to assess upstream gasoline market supply conditions. By providing capacity information at the facility level for ethanol production and other refined petroleum products, supply conditions within a region or state may be assessed in the event of a supply disruption.

Fuel ethanol production capacities were previously collected by EIA on Form EIA-819A "Annual Oxygenate Capacity Report" from January 1, 1993-1995 and released by company and facility in the *Petroleum Supply Annual* during that same time period. Form EIA-819A was discontinued in 1996. The proposal to release fuel ethanol plant production capacity collected on Form EIA-819 beginning with July, 2012, reference period is consistent with past EIA practices and will improve the utility of the data by permitting comparisons on the growth in capacity at the state level over the past twenty years.

EIA does not anticipate the release of fuel ethanol plant production capacity data to cause any competitive harm to respondents to Form EIA-819 because this type of information is currently publicly available over the Internet. The Renewable Fuels Association publishes nameplate ethanol production capacity as well as the actual operating

production and under-construction capacity at the facility level available at <http://www.ethanolrfa.org/bio-refinery-locations>. EIA is proposing only to release capacity information at the facility level and will continue to protect all other information reported on Form EIA-819 from being released in identifiable form.

### III. Request for Comments

Respondents to Form EIA-819 and other interested parties should comment on the actions discussed in item II. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be considered by EIA and become a matter of public record.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Stephanie Brown,**

*Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U.S. Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP12-72-000; PF11-9-000]

#### Dominion Transmission, Inc.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 17, 2012, Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI), having its principal place of business at 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, filed an application in Docket No. CP12-72-000 pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate its Allegheny Storage Project. The Allegheny Storage Project consists of the construction and operation of facilities in Frederick County, Maryland; Monroe County, Ohio; Lewis County, West Virginia; and Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Specifically, DTI proposes to construct new compressor stations and appurtenant facilities and upgrade two metering and regulating stations in Franklin County, Maryland and Monroe County, Ohio; install additional glycol dehydration at DTI's existing Wolf Run compressor station in Lewis County, West Virginia; construct and replace piping and ancillary facilities at its Sabinsville storage facility in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; and increase the storage capacities at its Fink Kennedy/

Lost Creek storage facility and Sabinsville storage facility, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Amanda K. Prestage, Regulatory and Certificates Analyst III, Dominion Transmission, Inc., 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219 by calling (804) 771-4416 or fax (804) 771-4804 or email [Amanda.K.Prestage@dom.com](mailto:Amanda.K.Prestage@dom.com).

On July 28, 2011, the Commission staff granted DTI's request to use the pre-filing process and assigned Docket No. PF11-9-000 to staff activities involving the Allegheny Storage Project. Now, as of the filing of this application on February 17, 2012, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP12-72-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's regulations, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission's staff will either complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission's staff issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to reach a final decision on a request for federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance