

and the full range of issues related to the permit request are addressed.

h. *Coordination.* The proposed action is being coordinated with a number of Federal, state, regional, and local agencies including but not limited to the following: U.S. DOI, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. EPA, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the federally recognized Native American Indian Tribes, Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Palm Beach County, and other agencies as identified in scoping, public involvement, and agency coordination.

i. *Agency Role.* The Corps will be the lead agency for the EIS. The U.S. EPA and the U.S. DOI will be asked to be cooperating agencies. The Corps expects to receive input and critical information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. EPA, and other federal, state, and local agencies.

k. *A1 FEB Draft EIS Preparation.* It is estimated that the Draft EIS will be available to the public on or about December 2012. A Notice of Availability will be issued which will open the public comment period. Comments will be accepted during the Draft EIS public comment period which will last at least 30 days.

Dated: August 21, 2012.

Donald W. Kinard,

Chief, Regulatory Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.

ACTION: Notice of an Open Conference Call Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the announcement of a conference call meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. The notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of the meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of this meeting.

DATES: Friday, September 7, 2012.

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Conference Call Number/ID: (712) 432-3900/ID—391333 (Listen-Only).

ADDRESSES: For members of the public who wish to convene in person and

listen to the conference call meeting, please arrive at the U.S. Department of Education, Lyndon Baines Johnson Building, Room 1W103, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC, no later than 3:30 p.m. Please RSVP to *WhiteHouseforHispanicEducation@ed.gov* by Thursday, September 6, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marco A. Davis, Deputy Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, 400 Maryland Ave. SW., Room 4W110, Washington, DC 20202; telephone: 202-453-7023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics (the Commission) is established by Executive Order 13555 (Oct. 19, 2010). The Commission is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (Pub. L. 92-463; as amended, 5 U.S.C.A., Appendix 2) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the President and the Secretary of Education (Secretary) on all matters pertaining to the education attainment of the Hispanic community.

The Commission shall advise the President and the Secretary in the following areas: (i) Developing, implementing, and coordinating educational programs and initiatives at the Department and other agencies to improve educational opportunities and outcomes for Hispanics of all ages; (ii) increasing the participation of the Hispanic community and Hispanic-Serving Institutions in the Department's programs and in education programs at other agencies; (iii) engaging the philanthropic, business, nonprofit, and education communities in a national dialogue regarding the mission and objectives of this order; (iv) establishing partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, and nonprofit stakeholders to meet the mission and policy objectives of this order.

Agenda:

The Commission will discuss the activities of its subcommittees and identify next steps.

Please be advised that members of the public will be able to listen only to the conference call meeting. There will not be an opportunity for public comment during this meeting due to time constraints. However, members of the public may submit written comments related to the work of the Commission via *WhiteHouseforHispanicEducation@ed.gov* no later than September 5,

2012. A recording of this meeting will be posted on the Commission's Web page at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/hispanic-initiative/index.html> no later than Sep. 14, 2012.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW., Room 4W108, Washington, DC, 20202, Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays) during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Electronic Access to the Document: You may view this document, as well as all other documents of this Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Internet at: www.ed.gov/fedregister/index.html. To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at this site. For questions about using PDF, call the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO), toll free at 1-866-512-1830; or in the Washington, DC, area at 202-512-0000.

Dated: August 23, 2012.

Martha Kanter,

Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Availability of Department of Energy EV Everywhere Grand Challenge Initial Framing Document and Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The *EV Everywhere* Grand Challenge is a U.S. Department of Energy "Clean Energy Grand Challenge" with the goal of enabling U.S. companies to be the first in the world to produce plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) that are as affordable and convenient for the average American family as today's gasoline-powered vehicles within the next 10 years. President Obama announced the *EV Everywhere* Challenge on March 7, 2012.

The *EV Everywhere* Initial Framing Document (framing document) has been developed as a principal means of facilitating stakeholder engagement in

the planning process. The framing document describes three potential combinations of PEVs and charging infrastructures, among other possible scenarios, and identifies preliminary technical targets for each of these vehicle and infrastructure scenarios.

The framing document is intended to serve as the common framework for stakeholder engagement through public information exchanges and public comment.

DATES: Public comments on this proposed framing document must be received on or before October 29, 2012 to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Electronic mail comments may be submitted to: *ev-everywhere@ee.doe.gov*. Please include "EV Everywhere" in the subject line. Please put the full body of your comments in the text of the electronic message and as an attachment. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address in the text of the message.

Written comments should be sent to Mr. David Howell, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-2G), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121 or by fax at 202-586-1600, or by email at *ev-everywhere@ee.doe.gov*.

Respondents are encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt. The DOE EV Everywhere framing document can be accessed at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning this notice, contact Mr. David Howell, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE-2G), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, or *ev-everywhere@ee.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice requests public comment on the following questions related to the DOE *EV Everywhere* Grand Challenge and the framing document. Commenters are welcome to respond to all questions below, or only respond to select questions.

A. EV Everywhere Mission and Scope: Is the mission statement, "to enable U.S. companies to be the first in the world to produce plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) that are as affordable and convenient for the average American family as today's gasoline-powered vehicles within the next 10 years" appropriate for the technology development and deployment programs

of the Department? Is the goal of developing "PEVs with a payback time of less than 5 years and sufficient range and fast-charging ability to allow the average American family to meet their daily transportation needs" appropriate? Is a payback time of less than 5 years the right measure of affordability or is there a more appropriate metric? Should the scope be limited to "PEVs in which the majority of miles driven are electric" or should the goal be "to maximize the national total of electric vehicle miles driven"?

B. Plug-in Electric Vehicle Scenarios. DOE has identified three potential vehicle/infrastructure scenarios that might achieve the *EV Everywhere* goals. These scenarios are:

1. A plug-in hybrid electric vehicle with a 40-mile all-electric range (PHEV-40) with limited fast-charge infrastructure;

2. An all-electric vehicle with a 100-mile range (AEV-100) with significant intra-city and inter-city fast charge infrastructure; and

3. An all-electric vehicle with a 300-mile range (AEV-300) with significant inter-city fast charge infrastructure.

Have we correctly identified and structured these three scenarios?

Are there other scenarios that are more appropriate?

C. U.S. Plug-in Electric Vehicle Leadership. How can DOE activities best support leadership in plug-in electric vehicle innovation? In PEV manufacturing? In PEV deployment? How do we balance international competitiveness against international cooperation?

D. Program Definition and Management. What principles should the Department follow for allocating resources among technologies of disparate maturity and potential time to impact? How many technology options should the Department pursue, and how should the value of that diversity be weighed against timeliness, scale, and cost-effectiveness? How can DOE be more effective at each stage of the innovation chain? Are technology targets (e.g., cost or deployment targets) useful markers to orient and structure DOE activities?

E. Public/Private Partnership. What are the optimal roles for the private sector, government laboratories, and academia in accelerating PEV technology innovation? How can DOE best coordinate activities between and among these types of organizations (including the wide variety of institutions within each class)? How should we gauge the effectiveness of this coordination? How can the basic research and applied research and

development coupling be optimized? Are there examples in other sectors or other countries that can serve as models? Are "technology user facilities" analogous to the Department's scientific user facilities possible, or even desirable? If so, what would be the most effective model for their operation? How can the Department best gather technology market information? How can information on private sector innovation be captured without compromising competitive advantage?

G. Non-Technical Barriers. A number of non-technical barriers—including Federal, State, and local regulations, market risks, and non-technical risks—impact the rate of deployment of PEV technologies. What role, if any, should the Department have in addressing these barriers?

H. Technologies and Resources. The initial framing document published in association with this announcement describes each of the three scenarios mentioned in part B in greater detail, and highlights several technologies that could contribute to success in each strategy. We welcome updated technology, cost, and forecast data.

The Department also welcomes comment on the format and tone of the framing document as well as identification of any factual errors or omissions of relevant facts and data. The Department also welcomes any additional comments related to the framing document and the *EV Everywhere* Grand Challenge, generally.

Public Participation Policy

It is the policy of the Department to ensure that public participation is an integral and effective part of DOE activities, and that decisions are made with the benefit of significant public input and perspectives.

The Department recognizes the many benefits to be derived from public participation for both stakeholders and DOE. Public participation provides a means for DOE to gather a diverse collection of opinions, perspectives, and values from the broadest spectrum of the public, enabling the Department to make more informed decisions. Public participation benefits stakeholders by creating an opportunity to provide input on decisions that affect their communities and our Nation.

In keeping with the President's commitment to transparency in Government, DOE will post online at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/> all submissions received from external parties in response to this request for comment. In addition, DOE will discuss this framing document and the submissions received

from external parties with advisory committees, public information exchanges, and expert discussion groups.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 16, 2012.

Patrick B. Davis,

Program Manager, Vehicle Technologies Program, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14432-000]

Archon Energy 1, Inc.; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 14432-000.

c. *Date Filed:* July 9, 2012.

d. *Submitted By:* Archon Energy 1, Inc. (Archon).

e. *Name of Project:* 3-MW DaGuerre Point Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* To be located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' DaGuerre Point Dam, on the Yuba River, near the City of Marysville, Yuba County, California.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Mr. Paul Grist, Archon Energy 1, Inc., 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 2800, Tampa, Florida 33602. (403) 618-2018.

i. *FERC Contact:* Kenneth Hogan at (202) 502-8434; or email at kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov.

j. Archon filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process and provided public notice of its request on July 9, 2012. In a letter dated August 21, 2012, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Archon's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. *With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with:* (a) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer, as

required by section 106, National Historical Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Archon as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation, pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

m. Archon filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site (<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 Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: August 21, 2012.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12-947-000.

Applicants: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

Description: Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 9/16/2012.

Filed Date: 8/16/12.

Accession Number: 20120816-5029.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/28/12.

Docket Numbers: RP12-948-000.

Applicants: Columbia Gulf Transmission Company.

Description: Columbia Gulf Transmission Company submits Annual Cash-Out Report.

Filed Date: 08/16/2012.

Accession Number: 20120816-5065.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/28/12.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP12-843-001.

Applicants: Columbia Gulf Transmission Company.

Description: Gas Processing—Compliance to be effective 8/1/2012.

Filed Date: 8/16/12.

Accession Number: 20120816-5089.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/28/12.

Docket Numbers: RP12-945-001.

Applicants: High Point Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance Filing to be effective 10/1/2012.

Filed Date: 8/16/12.

Accession Number: 20120816-5096.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/28/12.

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, and service can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 17, 2012.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary

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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: ER12-2405-001.

Applicants: Helvetia Solar, LLC.

Description: Helvetia Solar, LLC submits tariff filing per 35.17(b):