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Deborah S. Delisle,

Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

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

DATES: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 12:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EDT)—Registration, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT)—Meeting.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3G-043, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lou Capitanio, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. *Phone:* (202) 586-5098.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy's Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

Tentative Agenda: The agenda will include: Welcome and Introduction by the Designated Federal Officer; Committee Business; Report by the Chair regarding recommendations to the

Secretary; Update on gas hydrate research activity including FY 2015 research initiatives and plans; Alaska update; Advisory Committee Discussion; and Public Comments, if any.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chair of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. 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 Lou Capitanio at the phone number listed above and provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government-issued identification. Space is limited. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the three-minute rule.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the following Web site: <http://energy.gov/fe/services/advisory-committees/methane-hydrate-advisory-committee>.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 15-33-LNG]

Bear Head LNG Corporation and Bear Head LNG (USA), LLC; Application for Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization To Export Domestically Produced Natural Gas Through Canada to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries After Liquefaction for a 25-Year Term

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application), filed on February 25, 2015, by Bear Head LNG Corporation and Bear Head LNG (USA), LLC (collectively, Bear Head),¹ requesting

¹ Bear Head states that Bear Head Corp. is a Canadian company incorporated pursuant to the

long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced natural gas as follows: (i) To export the natural gas by pipeline to Canada at the United States-Canada border (at a point near Calais, Maine, and St. Stephen, New Brunswick, respectively) on the Maritimes & Northeast (M&N) Pipeline in a volume of 440 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr), or approximately 1.2 Bcf per day (Bcf/d);² (ii) to use approximately 42.4 Bcf/yr of the U.S.-sourced natural gas as feedstock in a Canadian natural gas liquefaction and export facility currently being developed by Bear Head within the Point Tupper/Bear Head Industrial Park near the town of Port Hawksbury, on the Strait of Canso, in Richmond County, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada (Project);³ and (iii) to export a portion of the U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of LNG in a volume equivalent to approximately 397.6 Bcf/yr of natural gas (1.1 Bcf/d) by vessel from Nova Scotia, Canada, to one or more countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries).⁴ Only Bear Head's proposed export of LNG produced from U.S.-sourced natural gas to non-FTA countries is subject to this Notice. Bear Head states that its proposed Project and LNG exports will not involve the construction of any facilities in the

laws of Nova Scotia, and that Bear Head (USA) is a Delaware limited liability company. Both have their principal place of business in Houston, Texas, and both are wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of Liquefied Natural Gas Limited, a publicly listed Australian company based in Perth, Australia.

² Bear Head refers to this requested authorization as the "NG Authorization." Bear Head states that the M&N Pipeline is operated by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C. in the United States and by its Canadian pipeline affiliate, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Limited Partnership, in Canada.

³ See Application at 1 n.3 ("approximately 42.4 Bcf/y of the natural gas volume proposed to be exported will be consumed in Canada and not exported as LNG [liquefied natural gas]"); *id.* at 12 (description of project).

⁴ In the Application, Bear Head also requests authorization to export U.S.-sourced LNG to any nation that currently has, or in the future may enter into, a FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries). DOE/FE will review Bear Head's request for a FTA export authorization separately pursuant to NGA § 3(c), 15 U.S.C. 717b(c). Additionally, on January 23, 2015, Bear Head filed a separate application with DOE/FE requesting authorization to access certain Canadian natural gas supplies, in a volume up to 250 Bcf/yr, that it states must flow through the United States due to the configuration of existing North American pipeline infrastructure. Application at 2-3 n.7. Bear Head refers to this requested authorization as the "Canadian NG authorization." *Id.* That application is pending before DOE/FE in FE Docket No. 15-14-NG, and is the subject of a notice being published in the **Federal Register** concurrently with this Notice.