Supplementary Information:
Purpose of the Board: The purpose of this Board is to make recommendations to DOE–SC with respect to the basic energy sciences research program.

Tentative Agenda:
- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of the Agenda
- News from the Office of Science
- News from the Office of Basic Energy Sciences
- Report by the BESAC Subcommittee on Facility Upgrade Prioritization
- Scientific User Facilities Division Committee of Visitors Report
- Energy Frontier Research Centers/Hub Committee of Visitors Update
- Public Comments
- Adjourn

Breaks Taken As Appropriate

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. 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 Katie Runkles at 301–903–6594 (fax) or katie.runkles@science.doe.gov (email). 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 public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room: 1E–190, Forrestal Building: 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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: Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (EDT)—Registration
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT)—Meeting


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 including election of Committee Chair; Review of Secretary’s Energy Advisory Board Report on the Methane Hydrate Program; Update on International Activity; FY 2016 Methane Hydrate Program Activities and Plans; Methane Hydrate Program Budget; Methane Hydrate Program Strategic Direction; 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. 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 30 days at the following Web site: http://energy.gov/fe/services/advisory-committees/methane-hydrate-advisory-committee.