

block low level outlet; (6) an existing 46.0-acre impoundment (Natick Pond) with a normal surface elevation of about 48.5 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988; (7) a new 97-foot-long, 32.2-foot-wide, 6.6-foot-deep concrete intake channel; (8) four new 7.6-foot-high, 11.1-foot-wide steel sluice gates each with new 8.3-foot-high, 32.2-foot-wide steel trashracks with 6-inch clear bar spacing; (9) a new 20.8-foot-high, 23.7-foot-long, 27.7-foot-wide concrete powerhouse; (10) two new 12-foot-high, 92-foot-long, 28-foot-wide concrete turbine bays containing two 42.7-foot-long, 9.2-foot-diameter Archimedes screw turbine-generator units each rated at 180 kilowatts (kW) for a total installed capacity of 360 kW; (11) a new 43-foot long, 29-foot-wide, 5-foot-deep tailrace; (12) a new 54-foot-long, 4.5-foot-wide aluminum eel passage facility; (13) a new water-level sensor and automatic sluice gate controller; (14) a new 40-foot-long, 480-volt below-ground transmission line connecting the powerhouse electrical panel to a new 15-kilovolt-amp (kVA) step-up transformer connecting a new 220-foot-long, 12.47-kilovolt above-ground transmission line to National Grid's distribution system; and (15) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the proposed Natick Pond Dam Project would be about 1,800 megawatt-hours. The applicant proposes to operate the project in a run-of-river mode. There are no federal or state lands associated with the project.

m. Due to the applicant's close coordination with federal and state agencies during the preparation of the application, completed studies during pre-filing consultation, and agency recommended preliminary terms and conditions, we intend to waive scoping and expedite the exemption process. Based on a review of the application, resource agency consultation letters including the preliminary 30(c) terms and conditions, and comments filed to date, Commission staff intends to prepare a single environmental assessment (EA). Commission staff determined that the issues that need to be addressed in its EA have been adequately identified during the pre-filing period, which included a public scoping meeting and site visit, and no new issues are likely to be identified through additional scoping. The EA will consider assessing the potential effects of project construction and operation on geology and soils, aquatic, terrestrial, threatened and endangered species, recreation and land use, aesthetic, and cultural and historic resources.

n. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 Online Support. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

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

o. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must submit to the Commission, on or before the specified intervention deadline date, a competing development application, or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing development application no later than 120 days after the specified intervention deadline date. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted in response to this notice.

A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include an unequivocal statement of intent to submit a development application. A notice of intent must be served on the applicant(s) named in this public notice.

Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMPETING APPLICATION," "COMMENTS," "REPLY COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," or "TERMS AND CONDITIONS;" (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to

which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

p. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following procedural schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| Milestone                             | Target date    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Notice of the availability of the EA. | February 2017. |

Dated: October 5, 2016.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9954-01-OA]

### Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee Teleconference

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Advisory Committee Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, EPA gives notice of a teleconference meeting of the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC). The FRRCC is a policy-oriented committee that provides policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

*Purpose of Meeting:* The purpose of this teleconference is to discuss specific recommendations that were drafted by

the Committee at the May 2016 meeting and finalize any outstanding comments. Recommendations regarding soil health and outreach, when finalized, will be transmitted to the Agency and made available to the public.

**DATES:** The Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee will hold a public teleconference on October 27th, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. EPA North Building, 1200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 2317, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lena Ferris, Acting Designated Federal Officer, [ferris.lena@epa.gov](mailto:ferris.lena@epa.gov), 202-564-8831, US EPA, Office of the Administrator (1101A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public wishing to gain access to the teleconference, make brief oral comments, or provide a written statement to the FRRCC must contact Lena Ferris, Acting Designated Federal Officer, at [ferris.lena@epa.gov](mailto:ferris.lena@epa.gov), or 202-564-8831 by October 25th, 2016.

**General Information:** The agenda and meeting materials will be available at [www.epa.gov/faca/frcc](http://www.epa.gov/faca/frcc). General information about the FRRCC can be found on the same Web site.

**Meeting Access:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities or to request accommodations please contact Lena

Ferris, Acting Designated Federal Officer, at [ferris.lena@epa.gov](mailto:ferris.lena@epa.gov), or 202-564-8831 as soon as possible to allow EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: October 5, 2016.

**Lena Ferris,**

*Acting Designated Federal Officer.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0785; FRL-9953-39]

**2017 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is seeking applications for the 2017 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards. In 2015, EPA developed the Partner of the Year Awards to recognize Safer Choice stakeholders who have advanced the goals of the Pollution Prevention Act and the Safer Choice program by reducing pollution at its source through safer chemistry. At the 2017 Partner of the Year Awards, as at the two prior awards, Safer Choice will recognize stakeholder organizations from five broad categories: Formulators/Product Manufacturers of both Consumer and Institutional/Industrial (I/I) products, Purchasers and

Distributors, Retailers, Supporters (e.g., non-governmental organizations), and Innovators (e.g., chemical manufacturers). All applications and accompanying materials must be received by Friday, December 16, 2016. Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony in late spring 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information contact: Chen Wen, Chemistry, Economics and Sustainable Strategies Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8849; email address: [wen.chen@epa.gov](mailto:wen.chen@epa.gov).

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this action apply to me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a Safer Choice program partner or stakeholder. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

| NAICS Code   | Affected industry   |
|--------------|---|
| 325510 ..... | Paint and Coating Manufacturing.  |
| 325611 ..... | Soap and Other Detergent Manufacturing.                                 |
| 325612 ..... | Polish and Other Sanitation Good Manufacturing.                         |
| 325910 ..... | Printing Ink Manufacturing.   |
| 325992 ..... | Photographic Film, Paper, Plate, and Chemical Manufacturing.            |
| 325998 ..... | All Other Miscellaneous Chemical Product and Preparation Manufacturing. |
| 561210 ..... | Facilities Support Services.  |
| 561720 ..... | Janitorial Services.  |
| 561740 ..... | Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Services.                                |
| 611310 ..... | Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools.                       |
| 8123 .....   | Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services.                                      |
| 921190 ..... | Other General Government Support.                                       |

*B. How can I get related information?*

The full Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards announcement and award application materials can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/safer-choice-partner-year-awards>.

*C. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?*

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number

EPA-HQ-OPPT-2015-0785, is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744,

and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**II. What action is the agency taking?**

EPA is seeking applications for the 2017 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards. In 2015, EPA developed the Partner of the Year Awards to recognize Safer Choice stakeholders who have advanced the goals of the Pollution