profit organizations and the private sector; and other matters as described in the agenda found on the OEAB Web site at http://oeab.noaa.gov.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT and Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Oceaneye Advanced Technologies, 7001 Dorsey Road, Hanover, Maryland 21076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526–6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration. In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public with a 15-minute public comment period on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT (please check the final agenda on the Web site to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Dial-in information may be found on the meeting agenda posted to the OEAB Web site http://oeab.noaa.gov.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments before July 3, 2017 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after July 3, 2017 will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer (see below) by July 3, 2017.

Dated: June 9, 2017.

David Holst,
Acting Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XF496
Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council’s District Advisory Panels (DAPs) for Puerto Rico, St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John, USVI, will hold a joint meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Verdana Hotel, Tartak St., Isla Verde, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 20, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2017–0026]

Extension of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 2016, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) implemented the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, which permits patent applications pertaining to cancer immunotherapy to be advanced out of turn for examination and reviewed earlier ( accorded special status). To date, over 80 petitions
requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and 9 patents have been granted under the pilot program. Various stakeholders from around the world have filed petitions to participate in the pilot program—they are independent inventors, universities, research institutions, hospitals, medical centers, government agencies, and large and small companies. The pilot program was originally scheduled to end on June 28, 2017. In view of the continued interest in the pilot program, the USPTO is extending the pilot program until December 31, 2018. All pilot parameters will remain the same as the original pilot.

**DATES:** Effective Date: June 23, 2017.
Duration: The Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program will continue to run until December 31, 2018. Therefore, petitions to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program must be filed on or before December 31, 2018. The USPTO may further extend the pilot program (with or without modifications) or terminate it depending on feedback received, continued interest and the effectiveness of the pilot program.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
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For questions relating to a specific petition, please contact Gary B. Nickol, Supervisory Patent Examiner (telephone (571) 272–0835; electronic mail at gary.nickol@uspto.gov) or Brandon J. Fetterolf, Supervisory Patent Examiner (telephone (571) 272–2919; electronic mail at brandon.fetterolf@uspto.gov), of Technology Center 1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USPTO published a notice for the implementation of the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program on June 29, 2016. See Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, 81 FR 42328 (June 29, 2016), 1428 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 253 (July 26, 2016) (Cancer Immunotherapy Notice). The pilot program was designed to support the global fight against cancer. The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice indicated that an applicant may have an application advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination without meeting all of the current requirements of the accelerated examination program set forth in item VIII of MPEP section 708.02(a), if the application contained at least one claim to a method of treating cancer using immunotherapy and met other requirements specified in the Cancer Immunotherapy Notice.

The Cancer Immunotherapy Notice established that the pilot program would run for twelve months from June 29, 2016. The USPTO is hereby extending the pilot program through December 31, 2018 in view of the continued interest in the pilot program. The extension also will allow the USPTO to continue its evaluation of the pilot program. The requirements of the pilot program have not been modified.

Various stakeholders from around the world have filed petitions to participate in the pilot program—they are independent inventors, universities, research institutions, hospitals, medical centers, government agencies, and large and small companies. To date, over 80 petitions requesting participation in the pilot program have been filed, and 9 patents have been granted under the pilot program. The USPTO may again extend the pilot program (with or without modifications) depending on the feedback from the participants, continued interest, and the effectiveness of the pilot program.

Dated: June 19, 2017.

Joseph Matal,
Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**Comment Date:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 26, 2017.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2368–056]

**Algonquin Northern Maine Generating Company: Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document (Pad), Intent To Waive Certain Procedural Matters, Commencement of Pre-Filing Process, and Scoping; Request for Comments on the Pad and Scoping Document, and Identification of Issues and Associated Study Requests**

a. **Type of Filing:** Notice of Intent to File License Application for a New License and Commencing Pre-filing Process.

b. **Project No.:** 2368–056.

c. **Dated Filed:** May 1, 2017.

d. **Submitted By:** Algonquin Northern Maine Generating Company (Algonquin).

e. **Name of Project:** Squa Pan Hydroelectric Project.

f. **Location:** On Scopan Stream near the town of Masardis in Aroostook