

DATES: Comments must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. EST on May 29, 2019.

Submission of Comments: The public may submit comments through one of the two following methods provided by the EAC: (1) By mail to Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 Principles and Guidelines Comments, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, and (2) via email at votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov. Members of the public are encouraged to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt and consideration.

In order to allow efficient and effective review of comments the EAC requests that:

(1) Comments refer to the specific section that is the subject of the comment.

(2) General comments regarding the entire document or comments that refer to more than one section be made as specifically as possible so that EAC can clearly understand to which portion(s) of the documents the comment refers.

(3) To the extent that a comment suggests a change in the wording of a Principal or Guideline or section of the guidelines, please provide proposed language for the suggested change.

To Obtain a Copy of the VVSG Volume Version 2.0 Principles and Guidelines: A complete copy of the draft VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines is available from the EAC in electronic format. An electronic copy can be downloaded in PDF format on the EAC's website, <http://www.eac.gov>. In order to obtain a paper copy of the TGDC draft recommendations please mail a written request to Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 Principles and Guidelines Comments, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Macias, Phone (301) 563-3931, email votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by Section 222(d) of HAVA the EAC is placing the proposed VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines as submitted by the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) out for a 90 public comment period. The EAC is asking for comments regarding all sections of the Principles and Guidelines including the proposed Structure of the VVSG 2.0. The Principles and Guidelines will subsequently be accompanied by Requirements, which will be distributed to the TGDC, the Standards Board, the

Board of Advisors and submitted for public comment and consideration by the Commission.

The EAC made the decision to undertake the drafting of VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines as a result of feedback received over several years from a variety of stakeholders including, but not limited to State and local election officials, voting system manufacturers and usability, accessibility and security interest groups.

The EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) proposed a different structure for developing the VVSG 2.0 than in previous years. This structure differs significantly from previous versions of the VVSG because it is a high level principles and guidelines document. The Principles are high-level system design goals. The Guidelines are a broad description of the functions that make up a voting system. This new structure has significantly decreased the size and complexity of the VVSG from previous versions.

Unlike previous versions of the VVSG, this proposed version recommends that the Requirements for testing a voting system be separate and apart from the Principles and Guidelines. As proposed, the VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines will be accompanied by a separate document that details the Requirements for how systems can meet the new Principles and Guidelines in order to obtain certification. The Requirements will subsequently be accompanied by Test Assertions for how the accredited test laboratories will validate that the system complies with the Requirements and the Principles and Guidelines.

The Requirements will be adjunct to the VVSG Principles and Guidelines itself and will be subject to public review and comment, including distribution to the EAC's TGDC, Standards Board and Board of Advisors for comment prior to consideration and implementation by the Commission.

The TGDC unanimously approved to recommend VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines on September 12, 2017, and sent the Principles and Guidelines to the EAC Executive Director via the Director of the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), in the capacity of the Chair of the TGDC. The Commission will accept comments on the proposed structure of the VVSG 2.0 Principles and Guidelines as well as on the content of the Principles and Guidelines.

The Voluntary Voting System Guidelines version 2.0 Principles and Guidelines (VVSG 2.0), is the fifth

iteration of national level voting system standards. The Federal Election Commission published the first two sets of federal standards in 1990 and 2002. The EAC then adopted Version 1.0 of the VVSG on December 13, 2005. In an effort to update and improve version 1.0 of the VVSG, on March 31, 2015, the EAC commissioners unanimously approved VVSG 1.1.

Brenda J. Soder,

Director of Communications and Public Affairs, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Public Quarterly Conference Call for EAC Board of Advisors.

DATES: Monday, March 4, 2019, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: EAC Board of Advisors Quarterly Conference Call.

To listen and monitor the event as an attendee:

1. Go to: <https://eacevents.webex.com/eacevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecd5fd22ff87ff50c91e0babeec7ca42>.

2. Click "Join Now".

To join the audio conference only:

1. To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or

2. call the number below and enter the access code. US TOLL FREE: +1-855-892-3345, US TOLL: +1-415-527-5035, Access code: 905 314 545 (See toll-free dialing restrictions at https://www.webex.com/pdf/tollfree_restrictions.pdf).

For assistance: Contact the host, Mark Abbott at mabbott@eac.gov.

Purpose: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Board of Advisors will conduct a conference call to discuss current EAC activities.

Agenda: The Board of Advisors (BOA) will receive updates from EAC staff and BOA officers regarding EAC activities; the 2019 BOA Conference; Remarks from new Commissioners; and BOA Committee/Sub-Committee Updates. The Board of Advisors will receive updates from the following BOA Committees: Resolutions; Voluntary

Voting System Guidelines (VVSG); By-Laws; and Strategic Planning. The Board of Advisors will discuss the next Quarterly BOA Conference Call. There will be no votes conducted on this call.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may submit relevant written statements to the Board of Advisors with respect to the meeting no later than 10:00 a.m. EDT on Monday, March 4, 2019. Statements may be sent via email to facboards@eac.gov, via standard mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by fax at 301-734-3108.

This conference call will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bert Benavides, Telephone: (301) 563-3937.

Brenda J. Soder,

Director of Communications and Public Affairs, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13511-003]

Igiugig Village Council; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the Igiugig Village Council's application for a 10-year pilot project license for the proposed Igiugig Hydrokinetic Project No. 13511, which would be located on the Kvichak River in the Lake and Peninsula Borough, near the town of Igiugig, Alaska, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyzed the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at 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.

You may also register online at 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.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. Comments may be filed electronically via the internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ferconline.asp>) under the eFiling link. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filings, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please affix Project No. 13511-003 to all comments.

For further information, contact Ryan Hansen by telephone at 202-502-8074 or by email at ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

Dated: February 21, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2960-006]

City of Gonzales, Texas; Notice of Comment Period Extension

On January 10, 2019, the Commission issued a notice through the FERC eLibrary system¹ setting March 11, 2019, as the deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary prescriptions in the relicensing of the Gonzales Project, and April 25, 2019, as

¹ Go to https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/intermediate.asp?link_file=yes&doclist=14735647 and select the file link to view the document.

the deadline for filing reply comments. Due to the funding lapse at certain federal agencies between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, the Commission is extending the deadlines by 15 days.

Dated: February 19, 2019.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 9100-041]

James M. Knott; James M. Knott, Jr.; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On January 8, 2019, James M. Knott, Jr. (transferee) filed an application for an after-the-fact transfer of license of the Riverdale Mills Project No. 9100. The project is located on the Blackstone River in Worcester County, Massachusetts. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

The applicant seeks Commission approval to transfer the license for the Riverdale Mills Project from James M. Knott (transferor) to the transferee. James M. Knott passed away on August 16, 2018 and James M. Knott, Jr. has been operating the project since that time.

Applicant's Contacts: Mr. James M. Knott, Jr., CFO, 130 Riverdale Street, PO Box 920, Northbridge, MA 01534-0920, Phone: 508-847-2722, Email: jknott@riverdale.com and Mr. Kevin Young, President, 2112 Talmage Drive, Leland, NC 28541, Phone: 910-399-6838, Email: KYoung@youngenergyservices.com.

FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735, patricia.gillis@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866)