DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of webconference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce (LKTKS) will be held January 20, 2022 through January 21, 2022.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022, and on Friday, January 21, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Haapala Council staff; phone: (907) 271–2809 and email: kate.haapala@noaa.gov. For technical support, please contact our administrative staff; email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Thursday, January 20, 2022 and Friday, January 21, 2022

The LKTKS will discuss tools for identifying and cataloging LK, TK, and subsistence information like a search engine and further develop the protocol. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735 prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735. If you are attending the meeting in-person please note that all attendees will be required to wear a mask.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2735 by 5 p.m., Alaska time on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. An opportunity for oral public testimony will also be provided during the meeting.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Date: December 30, 2021.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the USPTO’s continuing efforts to protect the integrity of the U.S. trademark register, the Commissioner has established an administrative process to investigate improper submissions filed with the USPTO in trademark matters. The USPTO Director has the authority to investigate submissions that appear to violate the USPTO rules and/or the USPTO website’s Terms of Use and impose sanctions or actions as deemed appropriate. See 37 CFR 11.18. Sanctions may include terminating proceedings. See 37 CFR 11.18(c)(5).

To promote transparency regarding the sanctions process for applicants or registrants who may be impacted by sanctions, as well as third parties who may be concerned about a particular application or registration, the USPTO will place documents associated with the process, including administrative orders to show cause and orders for sanctions regarding particular applications or registrations, in the electronic file record, which can be viewed by the public in the USPTO Trademark Status and Document Retrieval (TSDR) database. Further, examination may be suspended while the application is subject to a pending administrative investigation or order, and, if so, the TSDR record will reflect that as well.

I. Reporting and Investigation of Suspicious Filings

The administrative process begins when the USPTO identifies or otherwise learns of a suspicious submission in connection with a trademark application or registration, based on information communicated by internal sources, such as examining attorneys and data analytics personnel, or through external sources, such as Letters of
The USPTO may investigate suspicious submissions, and any related submissions, to determine whether they:
(1) Appear to violate the USPTO rules and/or the USPTO website’s Terms of Use,
(2) Are part of an improper filing scheme. These determinations are made using filing data from the suspicious submissions and any related submissions, as well as any other information and evidence available to the USPTO.

Once the USPTO initiates an investigation, the relevant application(s) may be removed from examination status to ensure that it does not move forward to approval for publication or registration while the administrative process is ongoing. In such cases, the USPTO will update the prosecution history to indicate that the application is suspended pending administrative review. In addition, a suspension letter will issue to all correspondence email addresses in the electronic record, as appropriate. When an application is suspended on this basis, any associated deadlines are also suspended, and the applicant will not be able to make any electronic submissions other than:
(1) An express abandonment,
(2) A withdrawal of attorney, or
(3) A petition to the Director under Rule 2.146. 37 CFR 2.146. Thus, an applicant would be able to request permission to make a further submission by filing a petition to the Director under Rule 2.146. If an investigation ends without the issuance of an administrative order, the suspension will be lifted, and the application will then be assigned to an examining attorney for examination in the normal course or, if examination had begun prior to suspension, returned to the assigned examining attorney, who will issue a new Office action resetting any response deadline.

II. Show Cause Order

If, upon investigation, the USPTO identifies conduct that illustrates violations of the USPTO rules and/or the USPTO website’s Terms of Use, particularly conduct that indicates an intent to circumvent the USPTO rules, the Office may issue an order to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed on individuals or entities involved, which may include the applicants or registrants themselves, or third parties involved in an improper filing scheme. A copy of the order to show cause will be placed in the electronic records of the affected applications or registrations.

The show cause order will inform the relevant parties of the conduct that indicates violations of the USPTO rules and/or the USPTO website’s Terms of Use, identify the affected application(s) or registration(s), and specify the proposed action or sanction the USPTO deems appropriate, which may include terminating all involved applications, striking a submission, precluding a party from appearing before the USPTO in trademark matters, and/or deactivating all relevant uspto.gov accounts. The order will require the parties to respond by a certain date to explain why the USPTO should not impose the proposed sanctions. The USPTO will consider any timely response in determining whether to impose sanctions. Resubmitting documents or appointing a new attorney will not avoid the imposition of sanctions. Petitions such as those filed under 37 CFR 2.146 are not appropriate during the investigation or response period unless the USPTO made a mistake in including a specific application or registration in the show cause order. Furthermore, applicants and registrants are reminded that they are responsible for actions or omissions made by their representatives on their behalf. Moreover, any misrepresentation or deceit on the part of a representative does not necessarily constitute an “extraordinary circumstance” under 37 CFR 2.146 or 2.148.

III. Order for Sanctions

The USPTO will issue a final decision that includes an order for sanctions, if appropriate. The order will indicate what sanctions were deemed appropriate to address the improper conduct, and will identify the application(s) or registration(s) subject to the sanctions. For transparency of process, a copy of the decision will be included in the TSDR record of the relevant application(s) or registration(s).

For orders that include the sanction of termination and involve pending applications, the USPTO will terminate the involved applications and will update the USPTO’s electronic records to include an appropriate entry in the application prosecution history in TSDR to indicate that the application was terminated upon the entry of sanctions. Generally, applicants may not revive a terminated application unless the applicant can demonstrate that the USPTO erred in including the application in the order for sanctions. The applicant should file a new application to seek any registration of the mark that was the subject of a terminated application.

For orders that include the sanction of deactivation of trademarks and/or the USPTO website’s Terms of Use, identify the affected application(s) or registration(s), and specify the proposed action or sanction the USPTO deems appropriate, which may include terminating all involved applications, striking a submission, precluding a party from appearing before the USPTO in trademark matters, and/or deactivating all relevant uspto.gov accounts. The order will require the parties to respond by a certain date to explain why the USPTO should not impose the proposed sanctions. Resubmitting documents or appointing a new attorney will not avoid the imposition of sanctions. Petitions such as those filed under 37 CFR 2.146 are not appropriate during the investigation or response period unless the USPTO made a mistake in including a specific application or registration in the show cause order. Furthermore, applicants and registrants are reminded that they are responsible for actions or omissions made by their representatives on their behalf. Moreover, any misrepresentation or deceit on the part of a representative does not necessarily constitute an “extraordinary circumstance” under 37 CFR 2.146 or 2.148.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP22–438–000, Applicants: ETC Tiger Pipeline, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: NRA
Amendment No 2—Chesapeake to be effective 1/1/2022.
Filed Date: 12/28/21.
Accession Number: 20211228–5081.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/22.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:
Negotiated Rates—Various Releases eff 1–1–2022 to be effective 1/1/2022.
Filed Date: 12/28/21.
Accession Number: 20211229–5033.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/10/22.