

Adoption of Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Lifecycle Policy 1.0.

DATES: Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 1 p.m.–2 p.m. Eastern.

ADDRESSES: Virtual via Zoom.

The official meeting is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpN6i0g2rIF4ITWhwvBwwZw>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act (Sunshine Act), Public Law 94–409, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552b), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will conduct an official meeting on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Lifecycle Policy 1.0.

Agenda: The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will hear a presentation about the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) Lifecycle Policy 1.0 from EAC Testing and Certification Program Director Jon Panek and will consider the VVSG Lifecycle Policy 1.0 for adoption. The meeting will also include an update on VVSG 2.0 implementation.

The full agenda will be posted in advance on the EAC website: <https://www.eac.gov>.

Background: 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 and on March 31, 2015, the EAC Commissioners unanimously approved VVSG 1.1. On February 10, 2021, the EAC Commissioners unanimously approved the most recent iteration, VVSG 2.0.

Since the approval of VVSG 2.0, the EAC has worked on next steps and materials so these standards and requirements can be implemented, and new voting systems can be manufactured and tested to those standards. Part of those materials is the VVSG Lifecycle Policy 1.0.

The intent of the VVSG Lifecycle Policy 1.0 is to help facilitate migration to new VVSG standards by providing guidance on the types of version changes, Voting System Test Laboratory (VSTL) accreditation, deprecation of obsolete major standards, and establishing a periodic review timeline for new standards going forward. The policy defines changes that may be made to systems certified to deprecated standards and describes the process for

updating the standards as defined in the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

A public comment period on the Lifecycle Policy was available from November 9 to December 7, 2021. The EAC also gathered feedback from its advisory boards in 2021.

Status: This meeting will be open to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Certification Notice—259]

Notice of Filing of Self-Certification of Coal Capability Under the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: On February 22, 2022, Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power), as owner and operator of a new baseload power plant, submitted a coal capability self-certification to the Department of Energy (DOE) for the Barry 8 unit at the Barry Electric Power Plant. The Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended, and regulations thereunder require DOE to publish a notice of filing of self-certification in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Electricity, Mail Code OE–20, Room 8G–024, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 22, 2022, Alabama Power, as owner and operator of a new baseload power plant, submitted a coal capability self-certification to DOE pursuant to section 201(d) of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8311(d)), and DOE regulations at 10 CFR 501.61(a). The FUA and regulations thereunder require DOE to publish a notice of filing of self-certification in the **Federal Register** within fifteen days. See 42 U.S.C. 8311(d)(1); 10 CFR 501.61(c). Section 201(a) of the FUA provides that “no new electric powerplant may be constructed or operated as a base load powerplant without the capability to

use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source.” 42 U.S.C. 8311(a). Pursuant to section 201(d) of the FUA, in order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such a facility proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source must certify to the Secretary of Energy (Secretary), prior to construction or prior to operation as a baseload powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. See 42 U.S.C. 8311(d)(1). Such certification establishes compliance with FUA section 201(a) as of the date it is filed with the Secretary. *Id.*; 10 CFR 501.61(b).

The following owner of a proposed new baseload electric generating powerplant has filed a self-certification of coal capability with DOE pursuant to FUA section 201(d) and in accordance with DOE regulations at 10 CFR 501.61:

Owner: Alabama Power Company.

Design Capacity: 743 megawatts (MW).

Fuel To Be Used: Natural Gas.

Plant Location: 15300 Highway 43 North, Bucks, AL 36512.

In-Service Date: November 2023.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 15, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

Docket Numbers: EG22–62–000.

Applicants: LeConte Energy Storage, LLC.

Description: LeConte Energy Storage, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status. *Filed Date:* 3/15/22.

Accession Number: 20220315–5101.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/5/22.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER20–2471–004.

Applicants: NedPower Mount Storm, LLC.

Description: Refund Report: NedPower Mount Storm LLC submits tariff filing per 35.19a(b); Refund Report to be effective N/A.