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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Science Board (DSB) will take place.

DATES: Closed to the public Wednesday, April 24, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed to the public Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the closed meeting is 4075 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth J. Kowalski, Designated Federal Officer (DFO): (703) 571-0081 (Voice), (703) 697-1860 (Facsimile), elizabeth.j.kowalski.civ@mail.mil, (Email). Mailing address is Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3140. Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"), and sections 102-3.140 and 102-3.150 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Purpose of the Meeting: The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. The DSB will discuss the 2024 DSB Summer Study on Advanced Capabilities for Potential Future Conflict and classified strategies for continued development of symmetric and asymmetric capabilities.

Agenda: The meeting will begin on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 8 a.m. Ms. Betsy Kowalski, DSB DFO, and Dr. Eric Evans, DSB Chair, will provide opening remarks and a classified overview of the objectives of the 2024 Summer Study on Advanced Capabilities for Potential Future Conflict. Next, the DSB will meet to discuss classified strategies that best enable DoD's continued development of symmetric and asymmetric capabilities that will characterize future conflicts, including periodic breaks. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m. On Thursday, April 25, 2024, starting at 8 a.m., the DSB will continue to meet to discuss classified strategies that best enable DoD's continued development of symmetric and asymmetric capabilities that will characterize future conflicts, including periodic breaks. The meeting will adjourn at 4 p.m.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(d) and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in consultation with the DoD Office of the General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meeting. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

Written Statements: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3) and 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DSB DFO at the email address provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least three calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DSB until a later date.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open virtual meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (FESAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, April 30, 2024; 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Instructions for Zoom, as well as any updates to meeting times or meeting agenda, can be found on the FESAC meeting website at: <https://science.osti.gov/fes/fesac/Meetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Samuel J. Barish, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (FES); U.S. Department of Energy; Office of Science; 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903-2917, Email address: sam.barish@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations on a continuing basis to the Director, Office of Science of the Department of Energy, on the many complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the development and implementation of the fusion energy sciences program.

Tentative Agenda

- Under Secretary for Science and Innovation Perspective
- Office of Science Perspective
- Report of the Facilities Construction Projects Subcommittee
- Update on the Progress and Plans of the Decadal Plan Subcommittee
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any

of the items on the agenda, you should contact Dr. Barish at sam.barish@science.doe.gov. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements during the Public Comment time on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule. If you have any questions or need a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act for this event, please send your request to Sandy Newton at sandy.newton@science.doe.gov, two weeks but no later than 48 hours, prior to the event. Closed captions will be enabled.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for review on the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee website: <https://science.osti.gov/fes/fesac/Meetings>.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 27, 2024, by David Borak, Deputy Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 27, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2701-061]

Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P.; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Final Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project Relicense

On February 26, 2021, Erie Boulevard Hydropower, L.P. (Erie) filed an application for a new major license to continue to operate and maintain the 39.75-megawatt (MW) West Canada Creek Hydroelectric Project No. 2701 (West Canada Creek Project). On June

27, 2022, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare a draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the West Canada Creek Project. The notice of intent included a schedule for preparing a draft and final EA. On September 6, 2023, Commission staff issued the draft EA. By notice issued September 21, 2023, the schedule for completing a final EA was revised. The revised due date for the final EA was to be March 2024.

On February 2, 2024 Erie filed a Comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement) on behalf of itself, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York State Council of Trout Unlimited. In order for Commission staff to fully consider the Settlement Agreement, stakeholder comments on the Settlement Agreement, and any additional information requested by staff, the procedural schedule for completing a final EA is being revised as follows. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Final EA	September 2024.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Laurie Bauer at (202) 502-6519, or by email at laurie.bauer@ferc.gov.

Dated: March 25, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15322-001]

Kram Hydro 2, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 13, 2024, Kram Hydro 2, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project proposed to be located at the Kentucky River lock and dam 8 on the Kentucky River, in Jessamine and Garrard counties, Kentucky. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant

the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed Kentucky River Lock and Dam 8 Hydroelectric Project would consist of the following: (1) an existing 309-foot-long, 31-foot-high concrete lock and dam; (2) an existing 17.6-mile-long, 573-acre reservoir with a storage capacity of 8,700-acre-feet; (3) a proposed 50-foot-wide, 150-foot-long intake channel, upstream of the powerhouse; (4) a proposed 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse, designed to fit within the abandoned lock, containing two identical pit turbine-generator units, with a combined generating capacity of 10 megawatts; (5) a proposed 160-foot-long, 60-foot wide unlined tailrace; (6) a proposed 60-foot-long, 60-foot-wide substation adjacent to the powerhouse; and (7) a proposed 2-mile-long, 138-kilovolt transmission line. The project is estimated to generate an average of 50 gigawatt-hours annually. The existing lock and dam are owned and operated by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Applicant Contact: Pamela Niditch, Kram Hydro 2, 12333 Sowden Rd., Suite B, PMB 50808, Houston, TX 77080; phone: (772) 418-2705.

FERC Contact: Prabharanjeni Madduri; phone: (202) 502-8017, or by email at prabharanjeni.madduri@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>.

Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed