

considered by the Agency for funding consideration.

**D. Submission Instructions.** Two copies of the application materials should be submitted to: USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Division, Attention: Repowering Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6901, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225.

**E. Payment Provisions.** Payments will be made according to the provisions specified in 7 CFR 4288.13(b) and (c) and in 7 CFR 4288.24.

### VIII. Application Review and Selection Information

The Agency will evaluate projects based on the cost, cost-effectiveness, and capacity of projects to reduce fossil fuels used.

**A. Review.** The Agency will review applications submitted under this Notice in accordance with 7 CFR 4288.21(a).

**B. Scoring.** The Agency will score applications submitted under this Notice in accordance with 7 CFR 4288.21(b).

**C. Ranking and Selecting Applications.** The Agency will consider the score an application has received compared to the scores of other applications, with higher scoring applications receiving first consideration for payments. Using the application scoring criteria point values specified in 7 CFR 4288.21, the Agency will select applications for payments.

**D. Availability of Funds.** As applications are funded, if insufficient funds remain to pay the next highest scoring application, the Agency may elect to pay a lower scoring application. Before this occurs, the Agency will provide the applicant of the higher scoring application the opportunity to reduce the amount of its payment request to the amount of funds available. If the applicant agrees to lower its payment request, it must certify that the purposes of the project can be met, and the Agency must determine the project is feasible at the lower amount.

### IX. Administration Information

**A. Notice of Eligibility.** The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.23 apply to this Notice. These provisions include notifying an applicant determined to be eligible for participation and notifying an applicant determined to be ineligible, including their application score and ranking and the score necessary to qualify for payments.

**B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.**

**(1) Review or Appeal Rights.** A person may seek a review of an Agency adverse decision or appeal to the National Appeals Division as provided in 7 CFR 4288.3.

**(2) Compliance with Other Laws and Regulations.** The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.4 apply to this Notice, which includes requiring participating biorefineries to be in compliance with other applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

**(3) Oversight and Monitoring.** The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.5(a) and (b) apply to this Notice, which includes the right of the Agency to verify all payment applications and subsequent payments and the requirement that each biorefinery must make available, at one place at all reasonable times for examination by the Agency, all books, documents, papers, receipts, payroll records, and bills of sale adequate to identify the purposes for which, and the manner in which, funds were expended for all eligible project costs for a period of not less than 3 years from the final payment date.

**(4) Reporting.** Upon completion of the repowering project funded under this Notice, the biorefinery must submit a report, in accordance with 7 CFR 4288.5(c), to the Agency annually for the first 3 years after completion of the project. The reports are to be submitted as of October 1 of each year.

**(5) Exception Authority.** The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.7 apply to this Notice.

**(6) Succession and Control of Facilities and Production.** The provisions of 7 CFR 4288.25 apply to this Notice.

**C. Environmental Review.** All recipients under this Notice are subject to the requirements of 7 CFR part 1970 or successor regulation.

### X. Agency Contacts

For further information about this Notice, please contact Fred Petok, USDA, Rural Business—Cooperative Service, Energy Division, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6870, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: 202-690-0784. Email: [frederick.petok@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:frederick.petok@wdc.usda.gov).

### XI. Nondiscrimination Statement

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**(1) Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410;

**(2) Fax:** (202) 690-7442; or

**(3) Email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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**Bette B. Brand,**

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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### COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

#### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of monthly planning meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a planning meeting of the Delaware State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call, on Monday, May 21,

2018 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT). The purpose of the meeting is to review/discuss the panel summaries that were prepared by several Committee members. This review will help the Committee focus on next steps, as it moves toward drafting the Committee report.

**DATES:** Monday, May 21, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

*Public Call-In Information:*

Conference call number: 1-800-210-9006 and conference call ID: 4124362.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy L. Davis, at *ero@usccr.gov* or by phone at 202-376-7533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call number: 1-800-210-9006 and conference call ID: 4124362. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator may ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over landline connections to the toll-free telephone number herein.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call number: 1-800-210-9006 and conference call ID: 4124362.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at *ero@usccr.gov*. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=240>; click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the

Commission's website, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address.

**Agenda: Monday, May 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

- I. Welcome and Introductions  
Rollcall
- II. Planning Meeting  
Review/Discuss Panel Summaries
- III. Other Business
- IV. Adjournment

Dated: April 16, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**Agenda: Friday, May 18, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. (EDT)**

- I. Welcome and Introductions  
Rollcall
- II. Selection of Additional Officers
- III. Project Planning  
Discuss Plans for the June Mini Briefing
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Dated: April 16, 2018.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Alaska Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.