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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting agenda.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 22, 2005, 10 a.m.–12 noon.

PLACE: U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005 (Metro Stop: Metro Center).

AGENDA: The Commission will receive reports on the following: Title II Requirements Payments Update; Technical Guidelines Development Committee Update; Election Day Survey Analysis Update; Other Administrative Matters. The Commission will receive presentations on the following: The Role of the United States Election Assistance Commission as a Clearinghouse.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2005 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The five sources are electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene.

DATES: Effective Date: The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective April 11, 2005 and will remain in effect until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 6291–6309) requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the determination of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. (42 U.S.C. 6293) These test procedures are found in Title 10 of the

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 430, subpart B.

Section 323(b) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be calculated from measurements of energy use in a representative average use cycle or period of use and from representative average unit costs of the energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)) The section further requires that DOE provide information to manufacturers regarding the representative average unit costs of energy. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) This cost information should be used by manufacturers to meet their obligations under section 323(c) of the Act. Most notably, these costs are used to comply with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements for labeling. Manufacturers are required to use the revised DOE representative average unit costs when the FTC publishes new ranges of comparability for specific covered products, 16 CFR part 305. Interested parties can also find information covering the FTC labeling requirements at <http://www.ftc.gov/appliances>.

The Department last published representative average unit costs of residential energy for use in the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles on January 27, 2004 (69 FR 3907). Effective April 11, 2005, the cost figures published on January 27, 2004, will be superseded by the cost figures set forth in this notice.

The Department's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2004 representative average unit after-tax costs found in this notice. The representative average unit after-tax costs for electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, and propane are based on simulations used to produce the October 2004, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, and reflect the mid-price scenario. The representative average unit after-tax costs for kerosene are derived from their prices relative to that of heating oil, based on 1999–2003 averages for these two fuels. The source for these price data is the October 2004, *Monthly Energy Review* DOE/EIA–0035(2004/10). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Monthly Energy Review* are available at the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, Room 1F–048, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–8800. These publications can also be found on the EIA website at <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

The 2005 representative average unit costs under section 323(b)(4) of the Act are set forth in Table 1, and will become

effective April 11, 2005. They will remain in effect until further notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 7, 2005.

David K. Garman,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

TABLE 1.—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (2005)

Type of energy	Per million Btu ¹	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity	\$26.55	9.06¢/kWh ^{2,3}	\$.0906/kWh.
Natural Gas	10.92	\$1.092/therm ⁴ or \$11.23/MCF ^{5,6}	.00001092/Btu.
No. 2 Heating Oil	12.68	\$1.76/gallon ⁷	.00001268/Btu.
Propane	16.94	\$1.55/gallon ⁸	.00001694/Btu.
Kerosene	16.32	\$2.20/gallon ⁹	.00001632/Btu.

¹ Btu stands for British thermal units.

² kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

³ 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.

⁴ 1 therm = 100,000 Btu. Natural gas prices include taxes.

⁵ MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

⁶ For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,028 Btu.

⁷ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.

⁸ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

⁹ For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 2, 2004 (69 FR 17403).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-B65011-00 Rating LO, White Mountain National Forest, Propose Land and Resource Management Plan, Forest Plan Revision Implementation, Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties, NH and Oxford County, ME.

Summary: EPA expressed a lack of objection to the project as proposed.

Final EIS

ERP No. D-COE-F36166-OH Rating EC2, Mill Creek, Ohio Flood Damage Reduction Project, To Reduce Damages to Communities, Hamilton County, OH.

Summary: EPA expressed concern because the proposed channel

modification may cause a change to the designated use for Mill Creek, and that the change would require updating and modifying the current Total Maximum Load (TMDL) report and use designation(s) of the stream, and the Draft EIS did not provide detail information regarding the protocols that will be used to determine if the soils to be excavated are contaminated, the method of removal, and the disposal of those soils.

ERP No. D-FHW-E40803-TN Rating EC2, TN-397 (Mack Hatcher Parkway Extension) Construction from US-31 (TN-6, Columbia Avenue) South of Franklin to US-341 (TN-106, Hillsboro Road) North of Franklin, Williamson County and the City of Franklin, TN.

Summary: EPA expressed concern related to direct and indirect impacts to water quality and historic properties, and recommended mitigation measures and additional monitoring to prevent further degradation of impaired water bodies in the project area.

ERP No. D-FRC-B03011-MA Rating EU3, Weaver's Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project, Construct and Operate Onshore Liquefied Natural Gas Import and Interstate Natural Gas Transmission Facilities, Falls River, Bristol County, MA.

Summary: EPA commented that the proposed project would have significant, avoidable, and unsatisfactory impacts to the resources and habitats of Mount Hope Bay and the Taunton River. EPA also recommended that a supplemental EIS be prepared due to the inadequate information about the dredging and disposal program, the limited scope of alternatives, and an inadequate analysis of impacts.

ERP No. D-FRC-B03012-RI Rating EC2, KeySpan Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility Upgrade Project, Construction and Operation, and Algonquin Gas Transmission Project, Proposal for Site, Construct and Operate a New Natural Gas Pipeline, Coast Guard Permit, U.S. Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Providence County, RI and New England.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the need for additional mitigation and about the analysis of air quality, ballast water, cumulative impacts and environmental justice.

ERP No. D-IBR-K39089-CA Rating EC2, Folsom Dam Road Access Restriction Project, Control Access to Folsom Dam, City of Folsom, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns about the indirect effects from the project's changes in traffic patterns may result in significant localized impacts in air quality, environmental justice, and cultural resources.

ERP No. D-NIH-B81009-MA Rating EC2, National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories, Construction of a National Biocontainment Laboratory, BioSquare Research Park, Boston University Medical Center Campus, Boston, MA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns related to air quality issues, cumulative impacts, and environmental justice.

ERP No. D-NPS-B65012-ME Rating LO, Schoodic General Management Plan Amendment, Implementation, Acadia National Park, ME.

Summary: EPA had no objection to the proposed project.

ERP No. D-NPS-K65276-AZ Rating EC2, Chiricahua National Monument