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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board Natural Gas Subcommittee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) Natural Gas Subcommittee. SEAB was reestablished pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) (the Act). This notice is provided in accordance with the Act.

DATES: Monday, October 31, 2011; 10 a.m.–12 p.m., 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renee Stone, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; shalegas@hq.doe.gov or www.shalegas.energy.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Subcommittee was established to provide recommendations to the SEAB on how to improve the safety and environmental performance of natural gas hydraulic fracturing from shale formations thereby harnessing a vital domestic energy resource while ensuring the safety of citizen's drinking water and the health of the environment. President Obama directed Secretary Chu to convene this group as part of the President's "Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future"—a comprehensive plan to reduce America's oil dependence, save consumers money, and make our country the leader in clean energy industries.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to allow subcommittee members to discuss progress on implementation of

recommendations and further steps that can be taken to improve the process.

Tentative Agenda

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. on October 31, 2011. The tentative meeting agenda includes discussion regarding implementation of recommendations and next steps. The meeting will conclude at 3 p.m. The second meeting, November 1, 2011, will begin at 10 a.m. The tentative meeting agenda includes continued discussion regarding implementation of recommendations and next steps. The meeting will conclude at 12 p.m.

Public Participation

These meetings are open to the public. Individuals who would like to attend must RSVP by e-mail to: shalegas@hq.doe.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2011, for both meetings. Please provide your name, organization, citizenship, and contact information. Space is limited. Anyone attending the meeting will be required to present government issued identification. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so at the end of the meeting on Monday, October 31, 2011 and Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Approximately 30 minutes will be reserved each day for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number of individuals who wish to speak but will not, in any circumstance, exceed five minutes. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Those wishing to speak should register to do so beginning at 9:45 a.m. on October 31, 2011 and 9:45 a.m. on November 1, 2011.

Those not able to attend the meeting or have insufficient time to address the committee are invited to send a written statement to Renee Stone, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, or by e-mail to: shalegas@hq.doe.gov, or post on the subcommittee Web site at: <http://www.shalegas.energy.gov>.

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LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 3, 2011; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday, November 4, 2011; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hotel, North 1101 Columbia Center Boulevard, Kennewick, WA 99336.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula Call, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, 825 Jadwin Avenue, P.O. Box 550, A7-75, Richland, WA 99352; Phone: (509) 376-2048; or E-mail: Paula.Call@rl.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Potential Board Advice:
 - Proposed Changes to the Tri-Party Agency Community Relations Plan (Hanford Public Involvement Plan).
 - 2011 Hanford Lifecycle Scope, Schedule, and Cost Report.
 - Draft 100-K Proposed Plan.
- Agency Updates (Office of River Protection and Richland Operations Office; Washington State Department of Ecology; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency).
 - Committee Updates, including: Tank Waste Committee; River and Plateau Committee; Health, Safety and Environmental Management Committee; Public Involvement and Communications Committee; and Budgets and Contracts Committee.
 - DOE-led Discussion: Fiscal Year 2012 board budget, conflict of interest guidelines, and 2012 membership reappointment process.
 - DOE Presentation: Tank Vapor Monitoring.
 - Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Presentation: Advanced Simulation Capability for EM/ Groundwater Modeling.
 - Board Business:

○ Update to the Hanford Advisory Board Process Manual regarding Issue Manager/Advice Development Process.

○ Finalize FY 2012 work plan and calendar.

○ Process Manual Revisions

Discussion.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Paula Call at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Paula Call at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Paula Call's office at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab>.

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LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. The Federal Advisory Committee

Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

DATES AND TIMES: November 8, 2011; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

November 9, 2011; 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Melrose Hotel—DC, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elliott Levine, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-1476; *E-mail:* Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; *E-mail:* rtiley@bcs-hq.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda Will Include the Following

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities;
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities;
- Presentation on Current Biomass Solicitation Processes;
- Presentation on the Defense Production Act Title III Technology for Advanced Drop-in Biofuels Production;
- Presentation on the National Biofuels Action Plan.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Elliott Levine at (202) 586-7766; *E-mail:* Elliott.Levine@ee.doe.gov or Roy Tiley at (410) 997-7778 ext. 220; *E-mail:* rtiley@bcs-hq.com at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Co-chairs of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and

copying at <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

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Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER12-21-000]

Agua Caliente Solar, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Agua Caliente Solar, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 25, 2011.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.