

the Schenectady County Public Library (Niskayuna Branch) in Niskayuna, NY, or online at http://www.NNPP-NEPA.us/environmental_assessments/kesselring_site/rwsb_ea.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to provide comments regarding the Draft EA, on or before April 9, 2012, to ensure full consideration during the decision making process.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by mail to: David Delwiche, Naval Reactors Laboratory Field Office, P.O. Box 1069, Schenectady, NY 12301.

Comments provided by email should be submitted to Kesselring_radbuilding2012@unnpp.gov.

Comments provided by phone should use 518-395-6366.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this project, contact Mr. David Delwiche, as described above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NNPP is responsible for all aspects of U.S. Navy nuclear power and propulsion, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 2406, 2511. These responsibilities include design, maintenance, and safe operation of nuclear propulsion systems throughout their operational life cycles. A crucial component of this mission is to provide prospective Naval nuclear propulsion plant operators and officers with training and certification in the actual hands-on operation of a nuclear propulsion plant. Two land-based training platforms are located at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site near West Milton, Saratoga County, New York.

The developed portion of the Kesselring Site consists of approximately 65 acres of land on an approximately 3900-acre reservation. Facilities on the site include three pressurized water nuclear propulsion plants, one of which has been permanently shut down, defueled, and is in the process of being dismantled. The site also contains administrative offices, machine shops, waste storage facilities, oil storage facilities, training facilities, chemistry laboratories, cooling towers and a boiler house.

The EA evaluates the potential environmental impacts of constructing and operating a new radiological work and storage building at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory Kesselring Site. A modernized radiological work and storage building would streamline radioactive material handling and storage operations, permit demolition of aging facilities, and accommodate efficient maintenance of existing operating nuclear reactors. No spent

nuclear fuel would be handled or stored in any of the alternatives being considered. The potential environmental impacts associated with operations in the new facility or the alternatives is consistent with those already addressed in a previous Environmental Impact Statement associated with operations at the Kesselring Site, which concluded that impacts upon the environment would be small. Public comments to this draft EA must be received by April 9, 2012, to ensure their consideration in the preparation of the final EA and determination of whether a Finding of No Significant Impact or Environmental Impact Statement is appropriate.

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Deputy Director, Regulatory Affairs, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC)

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

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) and Solicitation of Nominations for Membership.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and in accordance with Title 41, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, and in accordance with the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996 (NRA), and the Administrative Procedure Act, notice is hereby given that the ASRAC will be established for a two-year period.

The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters concerning the DOE's Appliances and Commercial Equipment Standards Program's (Program) test procedures and rulemaking process. Formation of this committee allows the Program to further improve the rulemaking process. The Committee provides advice and makes recommendations on the:

(1) Development of minimum efficiency

standards for residential appliances and commercial equipment, (2) development of product test procedures, (3) certification and enforcement of standards, (4) labeling for various residential products and commercial equipment, and (5) specific issues of concern to DOE, as requested by the Secretary of Energy, the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), and the Buildings Technologies Program Manager.

Additionally, the establishment of the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee has been determined to be essential to the conduct of the Department's mission and to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law and agreement. The Committee will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and rules and regulations issued in implementation of that Act, the Negotiated Rulemaking Act of 1996 (NRA), and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

This notice also requests nominations for members on the Committee, to ensure a wide range of member candidates and a balanced committee.

DATES: The deadline for nominations for members must be received on or before April 2, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The nominee's name, resume, biography, and any letters of support must be submitted in electronic format via email to asrac@ee.doe.gov. Any requests for further information should also be sent via email to asrac@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy is hereby soliciting nominations for members of the Committee. The Secretary of Energy will appoint approximately 25 Committee members. Members will be selected with a view toward achieving a balanced committee of experts in fields relevant to energy efficiency, appliance and commercial equipment standards, to include DOE, as well as representatives of industry (including manufacturers and trade associations representing manufacturers, component manufacturers and related suppliers, and retailers), utilities, energy efficiency/environmental advocacy groups and consumers. Committee members will serve for a term of three years or less and may be reappointed for successive terms, with no more than two successive terms. Appointments may be made in a manner that allows the terms of the members serving at any time to expire at spaced intervals, so as

to ensure continuity in the functioning of the Committee. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the Assistant Secretary for EERE, from among the selected members, and the Committee is expected to meet approximately twice per year, or as necessary. Subcommittees may be formed to address appliance standards. Some Committee members may be appointed as special Government employees, experts in fields relevant to energy efficiency and appliance and commercial equipment standards; or as representatives of industry (including manufacturers and trade associations representing manufacturers, component manufacturers and related suppliers, and retailers), utilities, energy efficiency/environmental advocacy groups and consumers. Special Government employees will be subject to certain ethical restrictions and such members will be required to submit certain information in connection with the appointment process.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. Nominators should submit (via email to asrac@ee.doe.gov) on or before April 2, 2012, a description of the nominee's qualifications, including matters enabling the Department to make an informed decision, not limited to, the nominee's education and professional experience. Should more information be needed, DOE staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the internet. A selection team will review the nomination packages. This team will be comprised of representatives from several DOE Offices. The selection team will seek balanced viewpoints and consider many criteria, including: (a) Scientific or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience; (b) stakeholder representation; (c) availability and willingness to serve; and (d) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels. The selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Assistant Secretary for EERE. The Assistant Secretary for EERE will submit a list of recommended candidates to the Secretary of Energy for review and selection of Committee members.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure

that recommendations to the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by DOE, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Please note, however, that Federally-registered lobbyists and individuals already serving on another Federal advisory committee are ineligible for nomination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Cymbalsky, Designated Federal Officer, by telephone at (202) 287-1692.

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Carol A. Matthews,
Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14308-001]

Carbon Zero, LLC.; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission, Intent To Waive Solicitation of Additional Study Requests, and Intent To Approve of the Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Original Minor License.
- b. *Project No.:* 14308-001.
- c. *Date filed:* February 17, 2012.
- d. *Applicant:* Carbon Zero, LLC.
- e. *Name of Project:* Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* On the Walloomsac River, in the Town of Bennington, Bennington County, Vermont. The project would not occupy lands of the United States.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* William F. Scully, Carbon Zero, LLC., P.O. Box 338, North Bennington, VT 05257; (802) 442-0311; wfscurly@gmail.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Amy K. Chang, (202) 502-2850, or email at amy.chang@ferc.gov.
- j. *Cooperating Agencies:* Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the

instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See*, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. The Commission previously solicited additional study requests on November 7, 2011. No studies were requested; therefore, the Commission is providing notice that it intends to waive solicitation of additional study requests on the application filed on February 17, 2012.

l. Deadline for filing comments on the use of the Traditional Licensing Process and requests for cooperating agency status: 30 days from the issuance of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. 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 or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *Project Description:* Vermont Tissue Mill Hydroelectric Project would consist of two existing dams separated by a 400-foot-wide island and include: (1) An existing 15-foot-high, 85-foot-long primary dam with a spillway crest elevation of 555.0 feet above mean sea level (msl) topped with reinstalled 4-inch-high flashboards; (2) an existing 6-foot-high, 80-foot-long emergency spillway dam with a crest elevation of 555.5 feet above msl and a proposed 2.5-foot-high, 2.5-foot-wide minimum flow weir equipped with stop logs; (3) an existing 6-foot-high, 8-foot-wide flood gate located on the south abutment of the primary dam; (4) an existing 2,400-foot-long, 6.4-acre impoundment with a normal water surface elevation of 550 feet above msl; (5) an existing intake structure equipped with two 12-foot-high, 16-foot-wide flume openings equipped with stop log slots and new