to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda
- Administrative Issues
- Public Comments (15 minutes)
- Adjourn

Breaks Taken as Appropriate

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Paducah, 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 Rachel Blumenfeld as soon as possible in advance of the meeting at the telephone 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 Rachel Blumenfeld at the telephone number listed above. Requests must be received as soon as possible 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. The EM SSAB, Paducah, will hear public comments pertaining to its scope (clean-up standards and environmental restoration; waste management and disposition; stabilization and disposition of non-stockpile nuclear materials; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship; risk assessment and management; and clean-up science and technology activities). Comments outside of the scope may be submitted via written statement as directed above.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Rachel Blumenfeld at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: *http://www.pgdpcab.energy.gov/2014Meetings.html.*

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 8, 2014.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

[Docket No. EERE–2014–BT–NOA–0016]

Physical Characterization of Grid-Connected Commercial and Residential Buildings End-Use Equipment and Appliances

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is announcing the availability of a Framework Document for the physical characterization of grid-connected building's end-use equipment and appliances. DOE welcomes written comments and relevant data from interested parties on any subject within the scope of this framework. A copy of the Framework Document is available at: *http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EERE-2014-BT-NOA-0016-0022.*

DATES: DOE will accept written comments, data, and information regarding the Framework Document no later than September 29, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Any comments submitted must identify the request for comment for physical characterization of grid-connected buildings and provide docket number EERE–2014–BT–NOA–0016. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Email: ConnectedBuildings2014NOA0016@ee.doe.gov* Include the docket number EERE–2014–BT–NOA–0016 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Mr. Joseph Hagerman, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE–5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585–0121. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies. [Please note that comments and CDs sent by mail are often delayed and may be damaged by mail screening processes.]
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Mr. Joseph Hagerman, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Program, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. If possible, please submit all items on CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

Docket: The docket is available for review at *www.regulations.gov,* including **Federal Register** notices, framework documents, public meeting attendee lists and transcripts, comments, and other supporting documents/materials. All documents in the docket are listed in the *www.regulations.gov* index.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Joseph Hagerman, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Building Technologies (EE–5B), 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20024. Phone: (202) 586–4549. Email: *joseph.hagerman@ee.doe.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 5, 2014, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a request for comment and notice of a public meeting in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 32542). The public meeting was held on July 11, 2014, where the structure and content for the draft Framework Document were presented and discussed. At that meeting, DOE announced that it would make the Framework Document available for public comment within 2–3 weeks of the public meeting. This notice announces the availability of the Framework Document, which proposes a draft plan for development of characterization protocols for connected building's end-use appliances and equipment. A copy of the Framework Document is available at: *http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=EERE-2014-BT-NOA-0016-0022.* In addition, the Framework Document specifically seeks comment on the following issues:

1. What reports, studies, activities or other documents are there that might be useful in the development of characterization protocols for connected equipment?
2. How can these terms (in the document) be better defined?
3. Should additional terms be defined?
4. Are there other aspects of the experimental set-up that should be considered for connected equipment?
5. Should there be a step to determine eligibility for characterization as connected equipment?
6. If so, what are the minimum features in order to become eligible?
7. What responses should be characterized for connected equipment?
8. Should there be an approved list of responses available for characterization?
9. How does characterization sequence depend on equipment type?
10. What aspects should be included in a characterization sequence for connected equipment?
11. What data should be collected for physical, informational, or other responses?

12. What metrics should be computed for physical, informational, or other responses?

13. Are there other aspects of the characterization execution that should be considered for connected equipment?

14. Which of the two options for establishing the characterization protocols best addresses industry needs and minimizes industry burdens?

15. Are there other options that DOE might pursue for establishing characterization protocols?

16. Would it be useful to have illustrative examples like this in the framework document?

17. After seeing this illustrative example, does the framework need additional steps or further revision?

DOE will accept written comments, data, and information regarding the Framework Document no later than September 29, 2014.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 6, 2014.

Kathleen B. Hogan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Wind and Water Power Technologies Office; Request for Information

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) to help inform DOE's research and development activities related to Distributed Generation from Wind Energy Systems.

DATES: Comments regarding the RFI must be received on or before September 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The complete RFI document is located at *https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Responses to the RFI should be sent via email to *DistributedGeneration@ee.doe.gov.* Further instruction can be found in the RFI document posted on EERE Exchange.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wind and Water Power Technologies Office is within the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (DOE–EERE). WWPTO program activities lead the nation's efforts to accelerate the deployment of wind power technologies through improved performance, lower costs, and reduced market barriers. The Wind Program works with national laboratories, industry, universities, and other federal agencies to conduct research and development activities through competitively selected, directly funded, and cost-shared projects. WWPTO efforts target offshore wind, land based utility-scale and distributed applications of wind power technology. To find more information about the Wind Program, please visit: *http://energy.gov/eere/wind/wind-program.*

The focus of this RFI will be on the Wind Program's distributed wind portfolio. Distributed wind energy systems are commonly installed on residential, agricultural, commercial, institutional, and industrial sites connected either physically or virtually on the customer side of the meter (to serve on-site load) or directly to the local distribution or micro grid (to support local grid operations or offset nearby loads). Because the definition is based on a wind project's location relative to end-use and power-distribution infrastructure, rather than on technology size or project size, the distributed wind market includes wind turbines and projects of many sizes. For example, distributed wind systems can range in size from a 1-kW or smaller off-grid turbine at a remote cabin to a 10-kW turbine at a home to one or several multi-megawatt turbines at a university campus, manufacturing facility, or other large facility. To find more information on the Wind Program's distributed wind portfolio, please visit: *http://energy.gov/eere/wind/distributed-wind.*

DOE's Wind Program is planning a research and development program which will seek to ensure system performance meets consumer expectations; develop reliable, low-cost technology optimized for distributed applications; increase utility confidence in integration of distributed wind systems; and streamline the project development and installation process. The activities under this program would encompass the following focus areas:

1. Wind Resource Characterization & Assessment

- Better understanding of resource creates reliable turbine designs, properly sited distributed wind systems, and mitigates financial risk with regard to payback

2. Turbine Technology

- Technology transfer and innovation to expand rotors and increase hub heights for small and midsize turbines for increased performance, and advanced manufacturing for lower cost systems

3. Distributed Grid Integration

- Accurate generator modeling and clear understanding of operating impacts to mitigate interconnection/integration effects

4. Soft Cost Reduction

- Reduced red tape from permitting requirements and interconnection procedures will lower costs, accelerate adoption and integration

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback from industry, academia, research laboratories, government agencies, and other stakeholders on DOE's new perspective on distributed wind and R&D focus areas in order to inform future activities and priorities. EERE is specifically interested in information on each of the focus areas listed above. This is solely a request for information and not a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). EERE is not accepting applications through this RFI. DOE will not respond to questions regarding this RFI.

In its RFI, DOE requests comments, information, and recommendations on four main activities related to Distributed Wind Energy Systems. The RFI is available at: *https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/.*

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 11, 2014.

Jose Zayas,

Director, Wind and Water Power Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER14–1210–001.

Applicants: Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Description: 2014–08–06_SA 6502 Illinois Power-Edwards SSR Compliance Filing to be effective 1/1/2013.

Filed Date: 8/6/14.

Accession Number: 20140806–5111.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/27/14.