

higher education officials to consider matters of facilities, health and environment comprehensively and in coordination with state health, environment and energy agency counterparts. In order to be selected for federal recognition, schools, districts and postsecondary institutions must be high achieving in all three of the above Pillars, not just one area. Schools, districts, colleges and universities apply to their state education authorities. State authorities can submit up to six nominees to ED, documenting achievement in all three Pillars. This information is used at the Department to select the awardees.

Dated: November 12, 2014.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC). Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 94-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Westin Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Rova, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Rd, Germantown, MD 20874; telephone (301) 903-9096; email [Robert.rova@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:Robert.rova@nuclear.energy.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC), formerly the Nuclear Energy Research Advisory Committee (NERAC), was established in 1998 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to provide advice on complex scientific, technical, and policy issues that arise in the planning, managing, and implementation of DOE's civilian nuclear energy research programs. The committee is composed of 18 individuals of diverse backgrounds selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of

distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to nuclear energy.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* To inform the committee of recent developments and current status of research programs and projects pursued by the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy and receive advice and comments in return from the committee.

*Tentative Agenda:* The meeting is expected to include presentations that cover such topics as an update on activities for the Office of Nuclear Energy. In addition, there will be presentations by Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee subcommittees. The agenda may change to accommodate committee business. For updates, one is directed to the NEAC Web site: <http://energy.gov/ne/services/nuclear-energy-advisory-committee>.

*Public Participation:* Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions may do so on the day of the meeting, Wednesday, December 10, 2014. Approximately thirty minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time allotted per speaker will depend on the number who wish to speak but is not expected to exceed 5 minutes. Anyone who is not able to make the meeting or has had insufficient time to address the committee is invited to send a written statement to Bob Rova, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington DC 20585, or email at: [Robert.rova@nuclear.energy.gov](mailto:Robert.rova@nuclear.energy.gov).

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available by contacting Mr. Rova at the address above or on the Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy Web site at <http://www.ne.doe.gov/neac/neNeacMeetings.html>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 12, 2014.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### Amended Application for Presidential Permit; Great Northern Transmission Line

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of amended application.

**SUMMARY:** Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., has submitted an amended application for a

Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the United States border with Canada.

**DATES:** Comments or requests to intervene should be submitted on or before December 18, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260 or via electronic mail at [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), or Katherine L. Konieczny (Attorney-Adviser) at 202-586-0503 or via electronic mail at [Katherine.Konieczny@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Katherine.Konieczny@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities crossing the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On April 15, 2014, Minnesota Power filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. Minnesota Power has its principal place of business in Duluth, Minnesota. Minnesota Power is an investor-owned utility and provides retail electric service to 144,000 customers and wholesale electric service to 16 municipalities and several industrial customers.

On May 14, 2014, DOE published a Notice of Application in the **Federal Register**. On October 29, 2014, Minnesota Power submitted an amendment to its Presidential permit application. In the amendment letter notifying DOE of a new proposed border crossing, Minnesota Power stated that in the course of its review and consultation with state and federal agencies, as well as more input with landowners and stakeholders in the vicinity of the proposed border crossing, Minnesota Power determined that the originally proposed border crossing submitted in its application is no longer feasible.

Minnesota Power now proposes to cross the U.S. international border approximately 4.3 miles to the east of its original proposed crossing. The new proposed border crossing for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project would originate at the Minnesota-