

Meet with NWC Faculty Members, 3:45 p.m.–4:15 p.m. NWC Foundation Discussion, 4:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Annual FACA Board Member Ethics Training. The agenda for Friday is as follows: 8:30 a.m.–10 a.m. Board Business and Discussion, 11 a.m. Meeting Adjourn. Meeting Accessibility: The meeting room is accessibility to persons with disabilities. To coordinate access contact Dr. Thomas Gibbons, Professor of Professional or (401) 841-4008 by March 30, 2018.

**Written Statements:** To send written statements for consideration at the committee meeting contact the Designated Federal Official, Ms. Jaye Panza, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943 or by fax (831) 656-3238 by March 30, 2018.

Dated: March 12, 2018.

**E.K. Baldini,**

*Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Coms, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### International Energy Agency Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will meet on March 20, 2018, at OECD Conference Centre, Room CC 7, 2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France, in connection with a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and the IEA's Standing Group on the Oil Market (SOM) on March 21, 2018, in connection with a meeting of the SEQ on that day.

**DATES:** March 20–21, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** 2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Reilly, Assistant General Counsel for International and National Security Programs, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-5000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(i)) (EPCA), the following notice of meetings is provided:

A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held at the OECD Conference Centre, Room CC 7, 2 Rue

André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France, commencing at 09:30 a.m. on March 20, 2018. The purpose of this notice is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and the IEA's Standing Group on the Oil Market (SOM), which is scheduled to be held at the same location and time.

The IAB will also hold a preparatory meeting among company representatives at the same location at 8:30 a.m. on March 21, 2018. The agenda for this preparatory meeting is to review the agenda for the SEQ meeting.

The agenda of the meeting is under the control of the SEQ and the SOM. It is expected that the SEQ and the SOM will adopt the following agenda:

- Start meeting/Introduction.
1. Adoption of the Agenda
  2. Approval of Summary Record of 14 September 2017
  3. Reports on Recent Oil Market and Policy Developments in IEA Countries
  4. Update on the Current Oil Market Situation: followed by Q&A
  5. Presentation: "The ongoing transformation of the oil and gas industry" followed by Q&A
  6. Presentation: "Midstream infrastructure: is North America building enough pipelines to accommodate its growing oil production?" followed by Q&A
  7. Presentation: "Long term oil demand and supply under divergent scenarios" followed by Q&A
  8. Presentation: "Uncertainty looms on Russia's oil market horizon" followed by Q&A
  9. Presentation: "World Energy Outlook 2017—Long-term outlook for oil markets" followed by Q&A
  10. Presentation on: "TBD Maritime Issues" followed by Q&A
  11. Other Business
    - Tentative schedule of the next SOM meeting: 26 June 2018, Location TBC
- A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held at the OECD Conference Centre, Room CC 7, 2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris, France, commencing at 9:30 a.m. on March 21, 2018. The purpose of this notice is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ), which is scheduled to be held at the same location and time. The IAB will also hold a preparatory meeting among company representatives at the same location at 8:30 a.m. on March 21. The agenda for this preparatory meeting is to review the agenda for the SEQ meeting.

The agenda of the SEQ meeting is under the control of the SEQ. It is expected that the SEQ will adopt the following agenda:

*Closed SEQ Session—IEA Member Countries Only*

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 152nd Meeting
3. Status of Compliance with IEP Agreement Stockholding Obligations
4. Implementation of the 2017 Ministerial Mandate on Oil Security

*Open SEQ Session—Open to Association Countries*

5. Update of the 2013 Cost-benefit of Stockholding Study
  6. Mid-term Review of Denmark
  7. Secretariat study of Stock Ticketing Practices among IEA Members
  8. Industry Advisory Board Update
  9. Emergency Response Review of Turkey
  10. Update of ASEAN+6 Energy Security Study
  11. Mid-term Review of Greece
  12. ERE9: Discussion of EXCAP and EXMAIN Planning Efforts
  13. Outreach
    - Overview of recent activities
    - Recent APERC meeting
    - Recent JOGMEC training for ASEAN
  14. Oral Reports by Administrations
    - New Zealand
    - Austria & Italy (Baumgarten Incident)
    - Netherlands (Groningen Update)
    - UK (Forties & Gas)
    - Mexico (Stockholding Policy)
  15. Other Business
    - ERR Programme
    - Joint Questionnaire
- Schedule of SEQ & SOM Meetings
- 26–27 June 2018
  - 28–29 June 2018 (ERE9)
  - 27–29 November 2018

As provided in section 252(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(ii)), the meetings of the IAB are open to representatives of members of the IAB and their counsel; representatives of members of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions and the IEA's Standing Group on the Oil Markets; representatives of the Departments of Energy, Justice, and State, the Federal Trade Commission, the General Accounting Office, Committees of Congress, the IEA, and the European Commission; and invitees of the IAB, the SEQ, the SOM, or the IEA.

Issued in Washington, DC, March 12, 2018.

**Thomas Reilly,**

*Assistant General Counsel for International and National Security Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Case Numbers EPS-001, EPS-002, EPS-003, and EPS-004]

### Notice of Decision and Order Granting Individual Waivers to Apple Inc., Microsoft Corporation, Poin2 Lab and Hefei Bitland Information Technology Co., From the Department of Energy External Power Supplies Test Procedure

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of decision and order.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a Decision and Order granting Apple, Inc. (“Apple”), Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”), Poin2 Lab (“Poin2”) and Hefei Bitland Information Technology Co. Ltd. (“Bitland”) individual waivers from specified portions of the DOE test procedure for determining the energy efficiency of external power supplies. The petitioners are required to test and rate specifically identified external power supply basic models in accordance with the alternate test procedure described in the Decision and Order.

**DATES:** The Decision and Order is applicable as of March 16, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Lucy deButts, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-1604. Email: [AS\\_Waiver\\_Requests@ee.doe.gov](mailto:AS_Waiver_Requests@ee.doe.gov).

Mr. Michael Kido, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, Mail Stop GC-33, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103. Telephone: (202) 586-8145. Email: [Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Kido@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 8, 2017 and June 22, 2017, the Information Technology Industry Council (“ITI”), on behalf of four petitioners Apple, Microsoft, Poin2, and Bitland—filed individual petitions for waiver under 10 CFR 430.27 from the current DOE test procedure for EPSs for several basic models of adaptive EPSs. On July 24, 2017, DOE published a notice

announcing its receipt of the petitions for waiver, which also granted the petitioners interim waivers.

In that notice, DOE also solicited comments from interested parties on all aspects of the petition and specified an alternate test procedure that must be followed for testing and certifying the specific basic models for which the petitioners requested a waiver. 82 FR 34294. On March 16, 2018, DOE publishes the notice announcing a Decision and Order granting a waiver to the petitioners.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 9, 2018.

**Kathleen B. Hogan,**

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

**Case #EPS-001, EPS-002, EPS-003, EPS-004**

### Decision and Order

#### I. Background and Authority

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended (“EPCA” or “the Act”),<sup>1</sup> Public Law 94-163 (42 U.S.C. 6291-6317, as codified), among other things, authorizes DOE to regulate the energy efficiency of a number of consumer products and industrial equipment. Title III, Part B<sup>2</sup> of EPCA established the Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products Other Than Automobiles, a program that includes external power supplies (“EPSs”), which are the subject of this Order. (42 U.S.C. 6291(36); 42 U.S.C. 6295(u)) Under EPCA, DOE’s energy conservation program consists essentially of four parts: (1) testing, (2) labeling, (3) Federal energy conservation standards, and (4) certification and enforcement procedures.

The Federal testing requirements consist of test procedures that manufacturers of covered products must use as the basis for: (1) certifying to DOE that their products comply with the applicable energy conservation standards adopted pursuant to EPCA (42 U.S.C. 6295(s)), and (2) making representations about the efficiency of those products (42 U.S.C. 6293(c)). Similarly, DOE must use these test procedures to determine whether a product complies with relevant standards promulgated under EPCA. (42 U.S.C. 6295(s))

Under 42 U.S.C. 6293, EPCA sets forth the criteria and procedures DOE is

<sup>1</sup> All references to EPCA in this document refer to the statute as amended through the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015, Public Law 114-11 (April 30, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> For editorial reasons, upon codification in the U.S. Code, Part B was redesignated as Part A.

required to follow when prescribing or amending test procedures for covered products. EPCA requires that test procedures prescribed or amended under this section must be reasonably designed to produce test results which reflect the energy efficiency, energy use or estimated annual operating cost of covered products during a representative average use cycle or period of use and requires that test procedures not be unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) The test procedure for external power supplies is contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”) at 10 CFR part 430, subpart B, appendix Z, “Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of External Power Supplies” (“Appendix Z”).

Under 10 CFR 430.27, any interested person may submit a petition for waiver from DOE’s test procedure requirements. DOE will grant a waiver from the test procedure requirements if DOE determines either that the basic model for which the waiver was requested contains a design characteristic that prevents testing of the basic model according to the prescribed test procedures, or that the prescribed test procedures evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy or water consumption characteristics as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. 10 CFR 430.27(f)(2). DOE may grant the waiver subject to conditions, including adherence to alternate test procedures. *Id.*

#### II. Petition for Waiver: Assertions and Determinations

On June 8, 2017 and June 22, 2017, the Information Technology Industry Council (“ITI”), on behalf of four petitioners—Apple, Microsoft, Poin2, and Bitland—filed individual petitions for waiver under 10 CFR 430.27 from the current DOE test procedure for EPSs for several basic models of adaptive EPSs.<sup>3</sup> The petitioners stated that the specified basic models meet the provisions of the International Electrotechnical Commission’s “Universal serial bus interfaces for data and power—Part 1-2: Common components—USB Power Delivery” (“IEC 62680-1-2:2017”) specification.<sup>4</sup> All four waiver petitions were nearly

<sup>3</sup> The following are the basic models for which the petitioners seek a waiver: Apple—A1718, A1719, A1540; Microsoft—AC-100; Poin2—A16-045N1A; Bitland—A045R053L.

<sup>4</sup> International Electrotechnical Commission Universal serial bus interfaces for data and power—Part 1-2: Common components—USB Power Delivery specification, available at <https://webstore.iec.ch/publication/26174/>.