

NCC Designated Federal Officer & Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

3. Keynote Remarks by Mary Neumayr, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality.

4. Closing Remarks by Steven Winberg, NCC Designated Federal Officer & Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

5. Adjourn for the day.

Friday, April 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

6. Call to order and opening remarks by Steven Winberg, NCC Designated Federal Officer & Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

7. Election of NCC Chair and Vice-chair.

8. Keynote remarks by Secretary Rick Perry (invited), U.S. Department of Energy.

NCC Report presentation by report chair Randall W. Atkins, Chairman & CEO of Ramaco Coal LLC and NCC membership vote on report. The draft report, titled “Coal in a New Carbon Age: Powering a Wave of Innovation in Advanced Products and Manufacturing,” is available online at: <https://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/studies/2019/NCC-COAL-IN-A-NEW-CARBON-AGE.pdf>.

9. Announcement of election results for NCC Chair and Vice-chair.

10. Presentation by Seth Schwartz, President of Energy Ventures Analysis, on The Role of U.S. Coal in National Security.

11. Presentation by William West, President of Arq Limited, on Microfine Hydrocarbon: A Novel Approach to Upgrading Coal into Higher-Value Oil Products.

12. Presentation by Peter Reineck of Peter Reineck Associates Limited representing Dr. Ing. Massimo Malavasi of Itea S.p.A. on Improving Coal Economics: Retrofitting Flameless Pressurized Oxy-Combustion with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture.

13. Public Comment Period.

14. Other Business.

15. Adjourn.

Attendees are requested to register in advance for the meeting at: <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/page-NCC-Events.html>.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Council, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any item on the agenda, you should contact Thomas Sarkus, (412) 386–5981 or [thomas.sarkus@netl.doe.gov](mailto:thomas.sarkus@netl.doe.gov) (email).

You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include oral statements on the scheduled agenda. The Chairperson of the Council will lead the meeting in a manner that facilitates the orderly conduct of business. Oral statements are limited to 10-minutes per organization and per person.

*Minutes:* A link to the transcript of the meeting will be posted on the NCC website at: <http://www.nationalcoalcouncil.org/>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 13, 2019.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a combined meeting of the Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee and Waste Management Committee of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico (known locally as the Northern New Mexico Citizens’ Advisory Board [NNMCAB]). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**. This meeting has been scheduled due to the inclement weather cancellation of the March 13, 2019 meeting.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** NNM CAB Office, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Pojoaque, NM 87506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens’ Advisory Board, 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995–0393; Fax (505) 989–1752 or email: [menice.santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:menice.santistevan@em.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.

*Purpose of the Environmental Monitoring and Remediation Committee*

*(EM&R):* The EM&R Committee provides a citizens’ perspective to NNM CAB on current and future environmental remediation activities resulting from historical Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) operations and, in particular, issues pertaining to groundwater, surface water and work required under the New Mexico Environment Department Order on Consent. The EM&R Committee will keep abreast of DOE–EM and site programs and plans. The committee will work with the NNM CAB to provide assistance in determining priorities and the best use of limited funds and time. Formal recommendations will be proposed when needed and, after consideration and approval by the full NNM CAB, may be sent to DOE–EM for action.

*Purpose of the Waste Management (WM) Committee:* The WM Committee reviews policies, practices and procedures, existing and proposed, so as to provide recommendations, advice, suggestions and opinions to the NNM CAB regarding waste management operations at the Los Alamos site.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2018 and January 30, 2019
- Old Business
  - Report from Chair
  - Report on Waste Management Symposia
  - Other Items
- New Business
- Discussion on Outyear Campaign Priorities for Consent Order Appendix B and Annual Budget
- Break
- Public Comment Period
- Consideration and Action on Draft Recommendation 2019–01, Periodic Reporting of EM Activities
- Update from New Mexico Environment Department
- Update from EM-Los Alamos Field Office
  - Recognition of Outgoing Members
  - Other Items
- Update from NNM CAB Deputy Designated Federal Officer and Executive Director
- Wrap-Up Comments from NNM CAB Members
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The NNM CAB’s Committees welcome the attendance of the public at their combined committee meeting 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 Menice Santistevan at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Committees either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Menice Santistevan 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 Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: <http://energy.gov/em/nnmcab/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC on March 13, 2019.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC19-9-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725k); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection FERC-725K (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the SERC Region) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously published a Notice in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2018 (83 FR 63494), requesting public

comments. The Commission received no comments and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by April 18, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0260, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oira\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC19-9-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*Instructions:* All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

*Docket:* Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Mandatory Reliability Standards for the SERC Region.

*OMB Control No.:* 1902-0260.

*Type of Request:* Three-year extension of the FERC-725K information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

*Abstract:* Section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA) requires a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by NERC, subject to Commission oversight, or by the Commission independently.

Reliability Standards that NERC proposes to the Commission may include Reliability Standards that are proposed by a Regional Entity to be effective in that region. In Order No. 672, the Commission noted that:

As a general matter, we will accept the following two types of regional differences, provided they are otherwise just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential and in the public interest, as required under the statute: (1) A regional difference that is more stringent than the continent-wide Reliability Standard, including a regional difference that addresses matters that the continent-wide Reliability Standard does not; and (2) a regional Reliability Standard that is necessitated by a physical difference in the Bulk-Power System.

When NERC reviews a regional Reliability Standard that would be applicable on an interconnection-wide basis and that has been proposed by a Regional Entity organized on an interconnection-wide basis, NERC must rebuttably presume that the regional Reliability Standard is just, reasonable, not unduly discriminatory or preferential, and in the public interest. In turn, the Commission must give "due weight" to the technical expertise of NERC and of a Regional Entity organized on an interconnection-wide basis.

On April 19, 2007, the Commission accepted delegation agreements between NERC and each of the eight Regional Entities. In the order, the Commission accepted SERC as a Regional Entity organized on less than an interconnection-wide basis. As a Regional Entity, SERC oversees Bulk-Power System reliability within the SERC Region, which covers a geographic area of approximately 560,000 square miles in a sixteen-state area in the southeastern and central United States (all of Missouri, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and portions of Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Florida). The SERC Region is currently geographically divided into five subregions that are identified as Southeastern, Central, VACAR, Delta, and Gateway.

*Type of Respondents:* Entities registered with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (within the SERC region).

*Estimate of Annual Burden:*<sup>1</sup> The Commission estimates the annual reporting burden and cost for the information collection as:

<sup>1</sup> "Burden" is defined as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations 1320.3.