

On April 16, 2021, the cost figures published in this notice will become effective and supersede those cost figures published on August 14, 2020. The cost figures set forth in this notice will be effective until further notice.

DOE's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2021 representative average unit after-tax residential costs found in this notice. These costs for electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, and propane are based on simulations used to produce the February 2021, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (EIA releases the *Outlook* monthly). The representative average unit after-tax cost for kerosene is derived from its price relative to that of heating oil, based on the 2010 to 2013 averages of the U.S. refiner price to end users, which include all the major energy-consuming sectors in the U.S. for these fuels. The source for these price data is the February 2021, *Monthly Energy Review* DOE/EIA-0035(2021/2). The

representative average unit after-tax cost for propane is derived from its price relative to that of heating oil, based on the 2021 averages of the U.S. residential sector prices found in the *Annual Energy Outlook 2021*, AEO2021) (February 3, 2021). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, the *Monthly Energy Review*, and the *Annual Energy Outlook* are available on the EIA website at <http://www.eia.doe.gov>. For more information on the data sources used in this Notice, contact the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, EI-30, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-8800, email: [infoctr@eia.doe.gov](mailto:infoctr@eia.doe.gov).

The 2021 representative average unit costs under section 323(b)(4) of the Act are set forth in Table 1, and will become effective April 16, 2021. They will remain in effect until further notice.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 10, 2021,

by Kelly Speakes-Backman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 11, 2021.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

TABLE 1—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (2021)

Type of energy	Per million Btu <sup>1</sup>	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity .....	\$39.01	13.31¢/kWh <sup>2,3</sup> .....	\$0.133/kWh
Natural Gas .....	10.64	\$1.064/therm <sup>4</sup> or \$11.56/MCF <sup>5,6</sup> .....	\$0.00001064/Btu
No. 2 Heating Oil .....	19.73	\$2.71/gallon <sup>7</sup> .....	\$0.00001973/Btu
Propane .....	19.21	\$1.75/gallon <sup>8</sup> .....	\$0.00001921/Btu
Kerosene .....	23.35	\$3.15/gallon <sup>9</sup> .....	\$0.00002335/Btu

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (February, 2021), *Annual Energy Outlook* (February 3, 2021), and *Monthly Energy Review* (February, 2021).

Notes: Prices include taxes.

<sup>1</sup> Btu stands for British thermal units.

<sup>2</sup> kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

<sup>3</sup> 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.

<sup>4</sup> 1 therm = 100,000 Btu.

<sup>5</sup> MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,039 Btu.

<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 137.38 Btu.

<sup>8</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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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 virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an online virtual combined meeting of the Consent Order Committee and Risk Evaluation and Management Committee of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal

Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this online virtual meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021; 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually via Webex. To attend, please contact Menice Santistevan by email, [Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on Monday, April 12, 2021.

**To Sign Up for Public Comment:** Please contact Menice Santistevan by email, [Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov](mailto:Menice.Santistevan@em.doe.gov), no later than 5:00 p.m. MT on Monday, April 12, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board

(NNMCAB), 94 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone (505) 995-0393 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 Consent Order Committee (COC):** It is the mission of the COC to review the Consent Order, evaluate its strengths and weaknesses, and make recommendation as to how to improve the Consent Order. It is also within the mission of this committee to review and ensure implementation of NNMCAB Recommendation 2019-02,

Improving the Utility of the Consent Order with Supplementary Information. The COC will work with the NNM CAB Risk Evaluation and Management Committee to review the risk-based approaches used to determine the prioritization of cleanup actions, as well as the “relative risk ranking” of the campaigns, targets, and milestones by the NNM CAB, to be recommended for use by the DOE EM Los Alamos Field Office (EM–LA) both within and outside of those activities covered by the Consent Order.

*Purpose of the Risk Evaluation and Management Committee (REMC):* The REMC provides external citizen-based oversight and recommendations to the DOE EM–LA on human and ecological health risk resulting from historical, current, and future hazardous and radioactive legacy waste operations at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The REMC will, to the extent feasible, stay informed of DOE EM–LA and LANL’s environmental restoration and long-term environmental stewardship programs and plans. The REMC will also work with the NNM CAB COC to provide DOE EM–LA and LANL with the public’s desires in determining cleanup priorities. The REMC will prepare recommendations that represent to the best of committee’s knowledge and ability to determine, the public’s position on human and ecological health risk issues pertaining to direct radiation or contaminant exposure to soils, air, surface and groundwater quality, or the agricultural and ecological environment.

#### **Tentative Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Introductions
- Roll Call and Meeting Protocols
- Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2020
- Old Business
  - Review of Revisions to NNM CAB Bylaws
  - Other Items
- New Business
- Presentations on Waste Management Processes at LANL During COVID–19 Pandemic
- Board Member Discussion on NNM CAB Recommendations
- Update from Deputy Designated Federal Officer
- Public Comment Period
- Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The online virtual meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committees either before or within five days after the meeting by sending them to Menice Santistevan at the aforementioned email address. 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 telephone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the internet at: <http://energy.gov/em/nmcb/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 12, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 15030–000]**

#### **Desert Pumped Storage, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On April 27, 2020, Desert Pumped Storage LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the SilverKing 2 Energy Storage Project (SilverKing 2 Project or project), a closed-loop pumped storage project to be located in Gila County, Arizona. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) A new 33-foot-high dam with a total crest length of 9,780 feet, creating a 2,047 acre-foot upper reservoir with a maximum surface elevation of 1,499 feet above mean sea level; (2) two 3,329-foot-long, 10-foot-diameter steel penstocks that would connect the upper and lower reservoirs after passing through the powerhouse; (3) a new powerhouse to be located close to the afterbay with an approximate elevation of 1,210 feet above mean sea level with four 25-megawatt generator units with a total installed generation capacity of 100

megawatts and associated switchgear and controls; (4) an approximately 100-foot-long, 14-foot-diameter tailrace low pressure draft tube between the powerhouse and the lower reservoir; (5) a new 98-foot-high dam with a total crest length of 3,273 feet, creating a 1,846 acre-foot lower reservoir, with a maximum surface elevation of 1,210 feet above mean sea level that will utilize an existing waste rock dump of an open pit mine; (6) a new 200 mega-volt ampere (MVA) substation located adjacent to the lower reservoir; (7) an approximately 500-foot-long new 230-kilovolt transmission line from the new substation to the existing transmission lines owned by Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated average annual generation of the SilverKing 2 Project would be 400 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Dr. Michael Werner, Desert Pumped Storage LLC, 7425 East Columbia Drive, Spokane, Washington 99212; phone: (509) 280–7486.

*FERC Contact:* Khatoon Melick, (202) 502–8433, [khatoon.melick@ferc.gov](mailto:khatoon.melick@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P–15030–000.