

then transmit the combined petition form and supporting documents to the USPTO. The applicant should not file the combined petition form directly with both the USPTO and the corresponding partner IP office.

Based on the agreements between the USPTO and the partner IP offices, if the applicant directly files the combined petition form with the USPTO, then the USPTO must transmit the completed form and any accompanying supporting documents, along with the date of receipt, to the corresponding partner IP office. Additionally, if the applicant files the combined petition form directly with the JPO or the KIPO, then the partner IP office that receives the filing must transmit the form and the accompanying supporting documents, along with its date of receipt, to the USPTO. The USPTO will then place the combined petition form and the accompanying supporting documents in the file of the U.S. application. Incomplete combined petition forms will not be forwarded to the corresponding partner IP office and will be dismissed in accordance with the Memorandums of Cooperation between the USPTO and the respective partner IP offices.

Under the combined petition option, the partner IP offices have agreed to transmit the combined petition form to the corresponding partner IP office within 15 days of receipt from the applicant. This reduces the risk of the counterpart application being acted upon by an examiner in the partner IP office before that application enters the pilot program, which would result in both applications being denied entry into the Expanded CSP program. The request for participation in the Expanded CSP program must be granted by both the IP office in which the request is directly filed and the partner IP office prior to any examination of the counterpart applications in either office.

To the extent that the combined petition form forwarded to the USPTO from a partner IP office does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2) and (d)(3), and 1.6(a), these requirements are waived for certain elements. Specifically, with respect to 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2), a forwarded combined petition form containing an S-signature will not be required to be filed by facsimile transmission, via the USPTO patent electronic filing system (*i.e.*, USPTO filing system(s) or Patent Center), or on paper. With respect to 37 CFR 1.4(d)(3), a forwarded combined petition form containing a graphic representation of a handwritten signature or an S-signature will not be required to be filed via the USPTO

patent electronic filing system. With respect to 37 CFR 1.6(a), a forwarded combined petition form will be accorded a receipt date even though it was not received at the USPTO by mail, filed via the USPTO patent electronic filing system, or hand-delivered to the USPTO. The U.S. receipt date of the combined petition form will either be the actual date that the combined petition form is received at the USPTO via the USPTO patent electronic filing system or the date the combined petition form is transmitted to the USPTO from the partner IP office, which may not be the same as the receipt date in the partner IP office.

#### IV. Requirements for Participation in the Expanded CSP

To be accepted into the Expanded CSP program, applicants who use the combined petition option must meet all the requirements of the pilot program that are set forth in section III of the Expanded CSP extension notice, except with the following modifications.

Under the combined petition option, the combined petition form PTO/437-JP or PTO/437-KR must be used instead of form PTO/SB/437, and the combined petition form, as discussed above, must be submitted to either the USPTO or the partner IP office (the JPO or the KIPO). Separate petitions are not required to be filed in both the USPTO and the partner IP office. The combined petition form PTO/437-JP or PTO/437-KR also includes an express written consent under 35 U.S.C. 122(c) for the USPTO to receive the combined petition form (if filed directly with the corresponding partner IP office) and to accept and consider prior art references and comments from the designated partner IP office during the examination of the U.S. application. In addition, the combined petition form includes written authorization for the USPTO to forward the form (if filed directly with the USPTO) to the corresponding partner IP office and to provide to the designated partner IP office, before a first Office action on the merits, access to the participating U.S. application's bibliographic data and search results, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 122(a) and 37 CFR 1.14(c). No other consents are required.

#### V. Treatment of a Combined Petition Form

The combined petition form filed directly or indirectly in the U.S. application will be treated in the manner set forth in section IV of the Expanded CSP extension notice.

#### VI. Requirement for Restriction

The requirement for restriction set forth in section V of the Expanded CSP extension notice remains the same for the combined petition option.

#### VII. First Action on the Merits

Under the Expanded CSP program, the USPTO examiner will consider all exchanged search results. However, search results that are not received by the USPTO within four months from the date the USPTO granted the petition may not be included in the first action on the merits (FAOM). The examiner will prepare and issue an Office action and notify the applicant if any designated partner IP office did not provide search results prior to the issuance of the Office action. Once an FAOM issues, the application will no longer be treated as special under the Expanded CSP program.

The USPTO will continue to cooperate with applicants, IP stakeholders, and partner IP offices to improve the CSP process. More information on the CSP is available at [www.uspto.gov/CollaborativeSearch](http://www.uspto.gov/CollaborativeSearch).

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Global Markets Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announces that on February 13, 2023, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time, or EST), the Global Markets Advisory Committee (GMAC or Committee) will hold an in-person public meeting at the CFTC's Washington, DC headquarters with options for the public to attend virtually. At this meeting, the GMAC will discuss the Committee's structure; formation of subcommittees; and potential topics for the GMAC to prioritize in making policy recommendations to the CFTC on issues that affect the integrity and competitiveness of U.S. markets and U.S. firms engaged in global business, including the regulatory challenges of global markets that reflect the increasing interconnectedness of markets and the

multinational nature of business, and international standards for regulating futures, swaps, options, and derivatives markets, as well as intermediaries.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 13, 2023, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST. Please note that the meeting may end early if the GMAC has completed its business. Members of the public who wish to submit written statements in connection with the meeting should submit them by February 20, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in the Conference Center at the CFTC's headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 subject to CFTC facility health protocols in place at that time. You may submit public comments, identified by "Global Markets Advisory Committee," through the CFTC website at <https://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Comments Online process on the website. If you are unable to submit comments online, contact Gates S. Hurand, Designated Federal Officer, or Meghan Tente, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via the contact information listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice, to discuss alternate means of submitting your comments. Any statements submitted in connection with the committee meeting will be made available to the public, including publication on the CFTC website, <https://www.cftc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gates S. Hurand, GMAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; (202) 418-5000; or Meghan Tente, GMAC Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC; (202) 418-5000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public. Seating for the public may be limited due to the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level, which may require facilitating physical distancing to avoid overcrowding and additional restrictions. Members of the public may listen to the meeting by telephone by calling a domestic or international number to connect to a live, listen-only audio feed. Call-in participants should be prepared to provide their first name, last name, and affiliation.

*Domestic Numbers:* +1 669 254 5252, +1 646 828 7666, +1 669 216 1590, +1 551 285 1373, 833 568 8864 (Toll Free), or 833 435 1820 (Toll Free).

*International Numbers:* Will be posted on the CFTC's website, <https://www.cftc.gov>, on the page for the meeting, under Related Links.

*Webinar ID:* 161 214 0349.

*Pass Code/Pin Code:* 777139.

The meeting will also be open to the public via webcast on the <https://www.cftc.gov> website. The meeting agenda may change to accommodate other GMAC priorities. For agenda updates, please visit the GMAC committee site at: <https://www.cftc.gov/About/AdvisoryCommittees/GMAC>.

All written submissions provided to the CFTC in any form will also be published on the CFTC's website. Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting because of a disability should notify the contact person above.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. app. 2 section 10(a)(2).)

Dated: January 12, 2023.

**Christopher Kirkpatrick,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting; February 8 and March 8, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. A business meeting will be held the following month on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Both the hearing and the business meeting are open to the public. Both will be conducted remotely. Details about the remote platforms for the two events will be posted on the Commission's website, [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov), at least ten days prior to the respective meeting dates.

**Public Hearing.** The Commission will conduct the public hearing virtually on February 8, 2023, commencing at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin's water resources. A list of the projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, will be posted on the Commission's website, [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov), in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on February 8, 2023 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023.

The public is advised to check the Commission's website periodically during the ten days prior to the hearing

date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is needed to complete the Commission's review. Items also may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is asked to be aware that the details of projects may change during the Commission's review, which is ongoing.

**Public Meeting.** The public business meeting on March 8, 2023 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include: adoption of the Minutes of the Commission's December 7, 2022 business meeting; announcements of upcoming meetings and events; a report on hydrologic conditions; reports by the Executive Director and the Commission's General Counsel; and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The agenda is expected to include consideration of the draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that were subjects of the public hearing on February 8, 2023.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the business meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the Commission on any topic concerning management of the Basin's water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the March 8, 2023 business meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on February 8, 2023 or a previous date. Commission consideration on March 8, 2023 of items for which the public hearing is closed may result in approval of the item (by docket or resolution) as proposed, approval with changes, denial, or deferral. When the Commissioners defer an action, they may announce an additional period for written comment on the item, with or without an additional hearing date, or they may take additional time to consider the input they have already received without requesting further public input. Any deferred items will be considered for action at a public meeting of the Commission on a future date.

**Advance Registration and Sign-Up for Oral Comment.** Links for registering to attend the public hearing and the business meeting will be posted at [www.drbc.gov](http://www.drbc.gov) at least ten days before each meeting date. Registrants who wish to comment on the record during the public hearing on February 8, 2023 or to address the Commissioners informally during the Open Public Comment portion of the meeting on March 8, 2023