

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023; 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT

**ADDRESSES:** Aiken Senior Life Center, 1310 East Pine Log Road, Aiken, SC 29803.

The meeting will also be streamed on YouTube, no registration is necessary; links for the livestream can be found on the following website: <https://cab.srs.gov/srs-cab.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Boyette, Office of External Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 952-6120; or Email: [amy.boyette@srs.gov](mailto:amy.boyette@srs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

**Tentative Agenda**

Chair Update  
Agency Updates  
Subcommittee Updates  
Program Presentations  
Public Comments  
Board Business

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. To provide a safe meeting environment, seating may be limited; attendees should register for in-person attendance by sending an email to [srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov](mailto:srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov) no later than 4:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 22, 2023. The EM SSAB, Savannah River Site, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings 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 Amy Boyette at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board via email either before or after

the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should submit their request to [srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov](mailto:srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov). Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. Comments will be accepted after the meeting, by no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Please submit comments to [srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov](mailto:srscitizensadvisoryboard@srs.gov). 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 oral public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments. Individuals wishing to submit written public comments should email them as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by emailing or calling Amy Boyette at the email address or telephone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://cab.srs.gov/srs-cab.html>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 23, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2023 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Act). The five sources are electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene.

**DATES:** The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective September 27, 2023 and will remain in effect until further notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mr. John Cymbalsky, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121, Telephone: (202) 287-1692, Email:

[ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov](mailto:ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov).

Ms. Amelia Whiting, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0103, Telephone: (202) 586-2588, Email: [Amelia.Whiting@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Amelia.Whiting@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the measurement of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) These test procedures are found in title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 430, subpart B.

Section 323(b)(3) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be calculated from measurements of energy use in a representative average use cycle or period of use and from representative average unit costs of the energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) The section further requires that DOE provide information to manufacturers regarding the representative average unit costs of energy. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) This cost information should be used by manufacturers to meet their obligations under section 323(c) of the Act. Most notably, these costs are used to comply with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements for labeling. Manufacturers are required to use the revised DOE representative average unit costs when the FTC publishes new ranges of comparability for specific covered products, 16 CFR part 305. Interested parties can also find information covering the FTC labeling requirements at <https://www.ftc.gov/appliances>.

DOE last published representative average unit costs of residential energy in a **Federal Register** notice entitled, “Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy”, dated March 7, 2022, 87 FR 12681.

On September 27, 2023, the cost figures published in this notice will become effective and supersede those cost figures published on March 7, 2022. The cost figures set forth in this notice will be effective until further notice.

DOE’s Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2023 representative average unit after-tax residential costs found in this notice. These costs for electricity, natural gas, and No. 2 heating oil are based on simulations used to produce

the August 2023, EIA *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (EIA releases the *Outlook* monthly). The representative average unit after-tax cost for propane is based on the U.S. residential sector prices found in the *Annual Energy Outlook 2023*, AEO2023) (March 16, 2023). 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 July 2023, *Monthly Energy Review* DOE/EIA-0035(2023/7). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, the *Monthly Energy Review*, and the *Annual Energy Outlook* are available on the EIA

website at <https://www.eia.doe.gov>. For more information on the data sources used in this notice, contact the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, EL-30, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-8800, Email: [infoctr@eia.doe.gov](mailto:infoctr@eia.doe.gov).

The 2023 representative average unit costs under section 323(b)(4) of the Act are set forth in Table 1, and will become effective September 27, 2023. They will remain in effect until further notice.

**Signing Authority**

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 23, 2023, by Francisco Alejandro Moreno, 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 August 23, 2023.

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

TABLE 1—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (2023)

Type of energy	Per million Btu <sup>1</sup>	In commonly used terms	As required by test procedure
Electricity .....	\$46.19	15.76¢/kWh <sup>2,3</sup> .....	\$0.158/kWh.
Natural Gas .....	13.97	\$1.397/therm <sup>4</sup> or \$14.49/MCF <sup>5,6</sup> .....	\$0.00001397/Btu.
No. 2 Heating Oil .....	28.36	\$3.89/gallon <sup>7</sup> .....	\$0.00002836/Btu.
Propane .....	32.62	\$2.98/gallon <sup>8</sup> .....	\$0.00003262/Btu.
Kerosene .....	33.52	\$4.53/gallon <sup>9</sup> .....	\$0.00003352/Btu.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (August 8, 2023), *Annual Energy Outlook* (March 16, 2023), and *Monthly Energy Review* (July 26, 2023).

**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 1,037 Btu.

<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 137,381 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**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. ER23-2668-000]

**Richfield Solar Energy LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization**

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Richfield Solar Energy LLC’s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant’s request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 11, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an

eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission’s Public