

vacancy shall be filled through a joint appointment by the EAC and NIST.

This notice will remain active through May 24, 2024.

Camden Kelliher,

Acting General Counsel, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Update on Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of acceptance of title X claims during fiscal year (FY) 2024.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department of Energy's (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2024 from eligible uranium and thorium processing site licensees for reimbursement under title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. The FY 2024 DOE Office of Environmental Management's Congressional Budget Request included \$24.4 million for the Title X Uranium and Thorium Reimbursement Program; however, the Congressional appropriation for FY 2024 is zero dollars (\$0.00). Thus, the claims received in FY 2023 and claims received in FY 2024 cannot be reimbursed until there is a new appropriation from Congress.

DATES: The closing date for the submission of FY 2024 title X claims is July 8, 2024. DOE will review claims for eligibility and claims will be processed for payment together with any eligible unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on availability of funds from future congressional appropriations. If the total approved claim amounts exceed the available funding, the approved claim amounts will be reimbursed on a prorated basis. All reimbursements are subject to the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

ADDRESSES: Claims must be submitted by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to Charlee Anne Boger, U.S. DOE Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management, 2597 Legacy Way, Grand Junction, Colorado 81503. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission. In addition to the mailed hardcopies, claims may be submitted electronically to Charlee.Boger@lm.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amie Robinson, Title X Program Lead at

(240) 243–5550 or email: amie.robinson@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001–1004 of Pub. L. 102–486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. DOE amended the final rule on June 3, 2003, (68 FR 32955) to adopt several technical and administrative amendments (*e.g.*, statutory increases in the reimbursement ceilings). Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites. The eligible licensees incurred these costs to remediate byproduct material, generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government of uranium or thorium that was extracted or concentrated from ores processed primarily for their source material contents. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work that is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Section 1001–1004 of Pub. L. 102–486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 3, 2024, by Amie Robinson, Office of Waste Disposal, Office of Environmental Management, 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 May 6, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Preliminary List of Potential National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of preliminary list; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of availability of the preliminary list of potential National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETCs). This issuance initiates Phase 2 of the NIETC designation process outlined in the guidance DOE released on December 19, 2023. NIETC designation focuses public and policymaker attention on the areas of greatest transmission need and unlocks valuable Federal financing and permitting tools to advance transmission development. Additional information on one of those tools—Transmission Facility Financing—is also included with the preliminary list.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the preliminary list of potential NIETCs and information and recommendations focused on those potential NIETCs based on the list of information requested for Phase 2 in the NIETC Guidance by 5:00 p.m. ET on June 24, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gretchen Kershaw, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, at (202) 586–2006; or NIETC@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) is announcing the availability of the *Initiation of Phase 2 of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) Designation Process: Preliminary List of Potential NIETCs*. Section 216(a)(2) of

the Federal Power Act (FPA), as amended by section 40105 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), requires DOE to issue a report not less frequently than once every three years, which may designate as a NIETC any geographic area that is experiencing or is expected to experience electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion that adversely affects consumers. DOE must base any NIETC designation on the findings of DOE's triennial nationwide study required by FPA section 216(a)(1), which DOE refers to as the National Transmission Needs Study (Needs Study), or other information relating to electric energy transmission capacity constraints or congestion. In addition, the FPA requires DOE to consider alternatives and recommendations from interested parties (including an opportunity for comment from affected States and Indian Tribes) and to consult with regional entities when designating a NIETC. FPA section 216(a)(4) allows DOE to also consider several additional factors in designating a NIETC.

On December 19, 2023, DOE released final guidance (NIETC Guidance) that describes DOE's intended implementation of this statutory authority and initiated the process for designating one or more NIETCs following issuance of the Needs Study released in October 2023. The NIETC Guidance sets forth a four-phase process, which begins with DOE evaluating the results of the most recent Needs Study to begin identifying potential geographic areas for NIETC designation and concurrent 45-day Phase 1 information submission window. During this window, interested parties may submit information and recommendations on the narrow geographic boundaries of potential NIETCs, the present or expected transmission capacity constraints or congestion within those geographic boundaries, and the relevant discretionary factors in FPA section 216(a)(4). For this iteration of the NIETC designation process, that window opened with issuance of the final guidance on December 19, 2023, and closed on February 2, 2024.

Phase 2 of the NIETC designation process begins with DOE's issuance of a preliminary list of potential NIETCs, which is the subject of this notice. The preliminary list identifies which potential NIETCs DOE is continuing to consider, provides a high-level explanation of the basis for those potential NIETCs, and opens a public comment period to gather information specific to the listed potential NIETCs. DOE may narrow the list of potential

NIETCs as the designation process proceeds to Phase 3. DOE plans to prioritize which potential NIETCs move to Phase 3 based on the available information on geographic boundaries and potential impacts on environmental, community, and other resources and preliminary review of comments. During Phase 3, DOE continues to independently assess the basis for NIETC designation, initiates any needed environmental reviews, and conducts robust public engagement, culminating in the release of one or more draft designation reports and draft environmental documents, as needed, for public comment. Phase 4 is the conclusion of the NIETC designation process, with issuance of one or more final designation reports and final environmental documents, as needed.

The preliminary list of potential NIETCs was informed by numerous Phase 1 information submissions and recommendations from interested parties and DOE's internal preliminary analysis of known possible environmental, community, and other resource impacts. DOE preliminarily finds that the geographic areas depicted in the preliminary list of potential NIETCs constitute targeted, high-priority areas where NIETC designation is likely to catalyze transmission development to alleviate transmission capacity constraints or congestion and the associated adverse effects on consumers, thereby making the most efficient and effective use of DOE's resources. DOE intends to employ NIETC designation in one or more of these geographic areas to further the timely buildout of a reliable, resilient, and efficient transmission system that facilitates the achievement of national energy policy goals while reducing consumer energy costs.

During the 45-day comment period on the preliminary list of potential NIETCs, DOE invites interested parties to comment on the information contained within the preliminary list of potential NIETCs. This includes commenting on the present or expected transmission capacity constraints or congestion relevant to the potential NIETCs in the preliminary list as well as the adverse effects on consumers resulting therefrom (*i.e.*, the consumer harms resulting from inadequate transmission within the potential NIETCs).

In addition, DOE invites interested parties to submit further information on the thirteen resource report categories listed in the NIETC Guidance for Phase 2: (1) geographic boundaries; (2) water use and quality; (3) fish, wildlife, and vegetation; (4) cultural resources; (5) socioeconomics; (6) Tribal resources; (7)

communities of interest; (8) geological resources; (9) soils; (10) land use, recreation, and aesthetics; (11) air quality and environmental noise; (12) alternatives; and (13) reliability and safety. The Phase 2 information submission window is focused on gathering additional information on geographic boundaries and potential impacts on environmental, community, and other resources to facilitate DOE's environmental review, which starts in Phase 3. Interested parties may submit information related to one or more of the thirteen categories listed.

NIETC designation focuses public and policymaker attention on the areas of greatest transmission need and unlocks valuable federal financing and permitting tools to advance transmission development. These include DOE authorities under the IIJA, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's permitting authority under FPA section 216(b). Additional information on one of those tools—Transmission Facility Financing—is included with the preliminary list of potential NIETCs, including eligibility criteria. DOE invites input on the scope of eligible projects, as explained further in the document.

Members of the public can visit GDO's website to access the preliminary list of potential NIETCs at: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/national-interest-electric-transmission-corridor-designation-process>. Additionally, the NIETC Guidance remains available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/2023-12-15%20GDO%20NIETC%20Final%20Guidance%20Document.Vpdf>.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 7, 2024, by Maria D. Robinson, 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. The administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 7, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER24-1941-000]

Liberty County Solar Project, 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 Liberty County Solar Project, 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 May 28, 2024.

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.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: May 6, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IN79-6-000]

FERC Form 580 Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices, Notice of Request for Partial Waiver

Take notice that on May 1, 2024, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(5) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ Sierra Pacific Power Company submitted a request for a partial waiver of the requirement to respond to the 2024 FERC Form 580 Interrogatory on Fuel and Energy Purchase Practices, as more fully explained in the request.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

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>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at 202-502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.reference@ferc.gov.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. 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.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on May 22, 2024.

Dated: May 6, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting Secretary.

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¹ 18 CFR 385.207 (2020).