

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:*
 FMS Case GNU—\$290M—13JUL10
 FMS Case GMK—\$277M—10JAN03
 (vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None
 (vii) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* See Attached Annex
 (viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* 16 December 2015
 *as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States-Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System (TATDLS) and Link-11 Integration

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale of four (4) Multifunctional Information Distribution Systems (MIDS) On Ship Low Volume Terminals (LVTs), and four (4) Command and Control Processor (C2P) units. Also included will be the installation and integration of Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System (TATDLS) beyond line-of-sight datalink capability on six (6) Perry Class (PFG—2) and four (4) Lafayette Class (PFG—3) ships, up to ten (10) High Frequency Radios, ten (10) Data Terminal Sets (DTSS), spare and repair parts, support equipment, communications equipment, maintenance support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated value is \$75 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96—8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and enhance its defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability in current and future defensive efforts. Under this case the recipient will update the existing Perry Class (PFG—2) (six ships) and Lafayette Class (PFG—3) (four ships) ships to match the configuration of ships updated under the Po Sheng and Syun An programs. Configuring the

remaining ships to include TATDLS beyond line-of-sight datalink capability will allow data sharing capability with other platforms and improve the recipient's operational readiness for the systems provided under the previous Foreign Military Sales (FMS) cases. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not significantly alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor is unknown at this time and will be determined during contract negotiations. The purchaser normally requests industrial cooperation at forty percent, but at this time there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

It is estimated that during implementation of this proposed sale a number of U.S. Government and contractor representatives will be assigned to the recipient or travel there intermittently during the program.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 15—45

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex
 Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The equipment to be delivered under this case has been provided previously under Po Sheng TW—P—GMK and Syun An TW—P—GNU and is currently used by the customer. The efforts under this case will lead to the remaining Perry Class (PFG—2) (six ships) and Lafayette Class (PFG—3) (four ships) ships having the same configuration as ships previously integrated under Po Sheng, TW—P—GMK and Syun An, TW—P—GNU cases. The ships will have Taiwan Advanced Tactical Data Link System (TATDLS) beyond line-of-sight datalink capability, which provides data sharing capability with other platforms. The equipment being provided under this case is considered legacy technology within the U.S. Navy.

2. The Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS) On Ship Low Volume Terminal (LVT) hardware, publications, performance specifications, operational capability, parameters, vulnerabilities to countermeasures, and software documentation are classified CONFIDENTIAL. The classified information to be provided is necessary

for the operation, maintenance, and repair (through intermediate level) of the data link terminal, installed systems, and related software. The recipient has previously received terminals under TW—P—GNU. Commercial Signal Message Processors (CSMPs) will be integrated into terminals provided. The operating system has CONFIDENTIAL software and operating elements; operating manuals are UNCLASSIFIED.

3. The Command and Control Processor (C2P) provided will be Model 4 or equivalent, which is considered legacy technology within the U.S. Navy. The operating system has CONFIDENTIAL software and operating elements; operating manuals are CONFIDENTIAL.

4. The technical and operational elements of these systems, and any related data, are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters, and similar critical information. Uncontrolled release of sensitive technological information on these systems could reveal capabilities and possible vulnerabilities, which could be detrimental to the U.S. Navy.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar advanced capabilities.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the recipient.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)

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

ACTION: Notice of Open Live Board Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Board meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: March 9th, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; March 10th, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 South Potomac Ave., Arlington, Virginia 22202 USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Li, Policy Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number 202-287-5189, and email Michael.li@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Meet with and hear from the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, the two Deputy Assistant Secretary's for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, meet with the QER Team within the Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA), engage with the Office of Technology Transitions, discuss updates and provide recommendations on the Weatherization Assistance Program, and update members of the Board on routine business matters.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Monica Neukomm at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.energy.gov/ee/steab/state-energy-advisory-board>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 5, 2016.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Electricity Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Electricity Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, March 17, 2016

12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. EST.

Friday, March 18, 2016 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Rosenbaum, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 8G-017, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (202) 586-1060 or Email: matthew.rosenbaum@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC) was re-established in July 2010, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, to provide advice to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in implementing the Energy Policy Act of 2005, executing the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and modernizing the nation's electricity delivery infrastructure. The EAC is composed of individuals of diverse background selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues that pertain to electricity.

Tentative Agenda: The meeting of the EAC is expected to include an update on the programs and initiatives of the DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability and the Quadrennial Energy Reviews. The meeting is also expected to include a presentation from FERC Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur and panel discussions on valuation and integration of distributed energy resources (DERs) and on interactions between public policy and wholesale market design. Additionally, the meeting is expected to include a discussion of the plans and activities of

the Grid Modernization Initiative Working Group, the Clean Power Plan Working Group, the Smart Grid Subcommittee, the Power Delivery Subcommittee, and the Energy Storage Subcommittee.

Tentative Agenda: March 17, 2016

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. EAC Leadership Committee Meeting
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Developments since the September 2015 Meeting
1:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Update on the DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability's Programs and Initiatives
1:30 p.m.–1:55 p.m. Update on the Quadrennial Energy Reviews
1:55 p.m.–2:20 p.m. Update on the DOE Grid Modernization Initiative
2:20 p.m.–2:30 p.m. EAC Member Discussion of the Grid Modernization Initiative Working Group Plans
2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Panel: Valuation and Integration of DERs
4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Break
4:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Presentation from FERC Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur
5:00 p.m.–5:55 p.m. EAC Smart Grid Subcommittee Activities and Plans
5:55 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn Day One of March 2016 Meeting of the EAC

Tentative Agenda: March 18, 2016

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.–EAC Storage Subcommittee Activities and Plans
9:00 a.m.–9:50 a.m.–EAC Power Delivery Subcommittee Activities and Plans
9:50 a.m.–10:00 a.m.–Break
10:00 a.m.–11:40 a.m.–Panel: Interactions Between Public Policy and Wholesale Market Design
11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m. EAC Member Discussion of Clean Power Plan Working Group Activities and Plans
12:00 p.m.–12:10 p.m. Public Comments
12:10 p.m.–12:30 p.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn March 2016 Meeting of the EAC

The meeting agenda may change to accommodate EAC business. For EAC agenda updates, see the EAC Web site at: <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-advisory-committee-eac>.

Public Participation: The EAC welcomes the attendance of the public at its meetings. Individuals who wish to offer public comments at the EAC meeting may do so on Friday, March 18, 2016, but must register at the registration table in advance. Approximately 10 minutes will be reserved for public comments. Time