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James F. Manning,

Delegated the Authority of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The EAC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed information collection. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection in writing to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Avenue, NW., Suite

1100, Washington, DC 20005, ATTN: Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification; or via fax to 202-566-1392.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual, please, write to the above address or call Brian Hancock, Director of Voting System Certification, 1225 New York Avenue, Suite 1100, Washington, DC, (202) 566-3100; Fax: (202) 566-1392. You may also view the proposed collection instrument by visiting the EAC Web site at <http://www.eac.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: EAC Voting System Testing and Certification Program Manual.

OMB Number: 3265-0004.

Type of Review: Extension with revisions of a currently approved collection.

Needs and Uses: HAVA requires that the EAC certify and decertify voting systems (42 U.S.C. 15371). Section 231(a)(1) of HAVA specifically requires to EAC to “* * * provide for the certification, decertification and recertification of voting system hardware and software by accredited laboratories.” The EAC will perform this mandated function through the use of its Voting System Testing and Certification Program. Voting systems certified by the EAC will be used by citizens to cast votes in Federal Elections. Therefore, it is paramount that the program operates in a reliable and effective manner. In order to certify a voting system, it is necessary for the EAC to (1) Require voting system manufacturers to submit information about their organization and the voting systems they submit for testing and certification; (2) require voting system manufacturers to retain voting system technical and test records; and (3) to provide a mechanism for election officials to report events which may effect a voting system's certification.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions and state and local election officials.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 94 annually.

Total Annual Responses: 99 annually.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 119 hours.

Thomas R. Wilkey,

Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee: Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a Member to the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to serve as members of the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of Energy on the development and implementation of programs under Subtitle J, Section 999 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT) related to ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resources and review and provide written comments on the annual plan as described in this subtitle of the EPACT. The membership of the Advisory Committee must be in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and some members of the Advisory Committee may be appointed as special Government employees of the Department of Energy.

DATES: Nominations must be received by February 2, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Request for Nominations please contact Ms. Elena Melchert, Mr. Bill Hochheiser, or Mr. James Slutz, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee, at ultradeepwater@hq.doe.gov or (202) 586-5600. Complete text of Subtitle J, Section 999 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 can be found on the DOE Office of Fossil Energy Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/advisorycommittees/UltraDeepwater.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Under Subtitle J, Section 999, the Secretary of Energy is required to carry out a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of technologies for ultra-deepwater and unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resource exploration and production, including addressing the technology challenges for small producers, safe operations, and environmental mitigation (including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and sequestration of carbon). The activities should maximize the value of natural gas and other petroleum resources of the United States by increasing the supply

of such resources through reducing the cost and increasing the efficiency of exploration for and production of such resources while improving safety and minimizing environmental impacts. In support of this subtitle, the Secretary will contract with a corporation that is structured as a program consortium [REF: Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, § 999B, 119 Stat. 917-21] to administer the activities outlined above.

The program should include improving safety and minimizing environmental impacts of activities involving ultra-deepwater architecture and technology, including drilling to formations in the Outer Continental Shelf to depths greater than 15,000 feet. Projects should focus on the development and demonstration of individual exploration and production technologies as well as integrated systems technologies including new architectures for production in ultra-deepwater (water depths greater than or equal to 1500 meters). The Secretary is also required to prepare an annual plan that describes the ongoing and prospective activities of the program.

In May 2006, the Secretary established the Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee to advise the Department on the development and implementation of programs related to ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resources, and to review and comment on the annual plan.

Qualifications for membership of this committee include: (A) Individuals with extensive research experience or operational knowledge of offshore natural gas and other petroleum exploration and production; (B) individuals broadly representative of the affected interests in ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum production, including interests in environmental protection and safe operations; (C) no individuals who are Federal employees; and (D) no individuals who are board members, officers, or employees of the program consortium [REF: Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, § 999D(a)(2), 119 Stat. 922].

How to Apply: Candidates who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must provide the requested information by February 2, 2007. The format to be used for nomination is a resume that addresses the specific qualification criteria stated in Section 999D(a)(2) of the EPACT and other information. Details and specifications for preparing the resume are summarized below and can be found at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/advisorycommittees/UltraDeepwater.html>.

Resume must address all the following: (Incomplete resumes will not be considered): Full name; Professional Title (if applicable); Employment Affiliation; Address; Phone; E-mail; Organization Being Represented, if applicable; Organization Address; Organization Phone Number; Organization website address; Brief description of organization being represented; Education; Professional Experience related to research or operational knowledge of offshore natural gas and other petroleum resource exploration and production, and related experience broadly associated with the affected interests in ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum resource production, including interests in environmental protection and safe operations; Affiliations and Awards; Contributions to the Committee: please provide a statement that highlights the key contributions you hope to make if appointed to the Committee; Relationship to the program consortium [REF: Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-58, § 999B, 119 Stat. 917-21], please provide a statement that highlights your degree of involvement with this organization, especially include any leadership and/or strategic planning activities, note that only board members, officers, and employees of the program consortium are ineligible for appointment to this Committee.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act [REF: 5 U.S.C. App. 2], this committee's membership will be balanced in terms of the points of view represented. All resumes must be received by February 2, 2007. Candidates may use the form found at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/advisorycommittees/UltraDeepwater.html> to address the required resume elements. Candidates who wish to be considered for appointment to the Committee must submit a resume via one of the following methods.

1. E-mail to UltraDeepwater@hq.doe.gov (with resume embedded within the body of the e-mail message; no attachment),
2. Facsimile to 202/586-6221, Attn: UDAC Nomination,
3. Overnight delivery service to: U.S. Department of Energy, Mail Stop FE-30, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. No resumes should be sent via the U.S. Postal Service due to extensive security processing that can damage documents and result in extensive delays.
4. Resume Submission Online at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/>

[advisorycommittees/UltraDeepwater.html](http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/oilgas/advisorycommittees/UltraDeepwater.html).

For security reasons, no email attachments are allowed, nor will they be opened if included.

The closing date for receipt of resumes is February 2, 2007. All resumes received will be acknowledged within 10 working days from date of receipt. Members will have their travel expenses reimbursed, but their time will not be compensated. Some members of the Advisory Committee may be appointed as special Government employees of the Department of Energy. Questions regarding the nomination process should be directed to B. Hochheiser or E. Melchert at 202/586-5600.

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Rachel M. Samuel,

Deputy Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy; Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee: Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a Member to the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to serve as members of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretary of Energy on the development and implementation of programs under Subtitle J, Section 999 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT) related to onshore unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources, and review and provide written comments on the annual plan as also described in this subtitle of the EPACT. The membership of the Advisory Committee must be in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and some members of the Advisory Committee may be appointed as special Government employees of the Department of Energy.

DATES: Nominations must be received by February 2, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Request for Nominations please contact Ms. Elena