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Corrections

In the **Federal Register** of October 26, 2022, in FR Doc. 2022-23240, on page 64783, please make the following correction:

In that notice under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, first column, first paragraph, (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden* has changed. The original (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden* was "\$366,824.64". The new (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden* is "\$430,003.44".

Reason for Correction: The previous hourly wage rate for state government financial personnel that was used to calculate the estimated cost burden for recipients was adjusted to the fully burdened rate, which led to the change in total cost that is reflected by this correction.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 28, 2023, by Kathleen Hogan, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Infrastructure, 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 March 1, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee (NQIAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Friday, March 24, 2023; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: *Virtual Meeting:*

Instructions to participate remotely will be posted on the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee website at: <https://www.quantum.gov/about/nqiic/> prior to the meeting and can also be obtained by contacting Thomas Wong, (240) 220-4668 or NQIAC@quantum.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Wong, Designated Federal Officer, NQIAC, (240) 220-4668 or NQIAC@quantum.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: The NQIAC has been established to advise the President, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Subcommittee on Quantum Information Science (SCQIS), and the NSTC Subcommittee on Economic and Security Implications of Quantum Science (ESIX) on the National Initiative Act (NQI) Program, and on trends and developments in quantum information science and technology, in accordance with the National Quantum Initiative Act (Pub. L. 115-368) and Executive Order 14073.

Tentative Agenda:

- Science and Infrastructure Subcommittee Recommendations
- Workforce and Industry Subcommittee Recommendations
- Security and International Subcommittee Recommendations

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. It is the policy of the NQIAC to accept written public comments no longer than 5 pages and to accommodate oral public comments, whenever possible. The NQIAC expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. The public comment period for this meeting will take place on March 24, 2023, at a time specified in the meeting agenda. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on NQIAC's work, not for business marketing purposes. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting,

interested parties should register to speak at NQIAC@quantum.gov, no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 17, 2023. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of up to 15 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, NQIAC will select speakers on a first-come, first-served basis from those who applied. Those not able to present oral comments may always file written comments with the committee.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted continuously, written comments relevant to the subjects of the meeting should be submitted to NQIAC@quantum.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. eastern time on March 17, 2023, so that the comments may be made available to the NQIAC members prior to this meeting for their consideration. Please note that because NQIAC operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and related materials will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the NQIAC website.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available on the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee website at: <https://www.quantum.gov/about/nqiic/>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 27, 2023.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of National Transmission Needs Study and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of availability of the draft *National Transmission Needs Study* for public review and comment.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting public comment from March 6, 2023 through April 20, 2023. Comments must be sent to NeedsStudy.Comments@hq.doe.gov by midnight EST, April 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are to submit comments electronically to

NeedsStudy.Comments@hq.doe.gov. DOE's guidance is available at: www.energy.gov/gdo/national-transmission-needs-study.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adria Brooks, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, via (202) 586-2006; or *NeedsStudy.Comments@hq.doe.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) is announcing the availability of the draft *National Transmission Needs Study* (Needs Study) and requests public comment on the draft.

Section 216(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), as recently amended by section 40105 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), requires DOE to conduct a study of electric transmission capacity constraints and congestion every three years. The Needs Study implements that statutory provision and replaces what was formerly known as the National Electric Transmission Congestion Study.

Pursuant to section 216(a)(1), DOE has consulted with states, Tribes, and appropriate regional reliability entities regarding the Needs Study, including by providing a consultation draft for review and comment by these entities, as well as through a series of six audience-specific webinars following release of the consultation draft, and availability of DOE staff for phone calls and meetings. The draft Needs Study made available for public comment by this Notice reflects revisions made in light of the comments and input that DOE received from states, Tribes, and regional reliability entities.

Pursuant to section 216(a)(2) of the FPA, the study would inform any decision to exercise DOE's National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor designation authority. The Needs Study will also inform DOE as it coordinates the use of other authorities and funding related to electric transmission. These include new authorities under the IIJA and existing DOE programs, such as grid-related research and development and financing authorities that support grid infrastructure development.

Members of the public can visit GDO's website to access the public draft of the study as well as guidance for how to send comments or request further information at: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/national-transmission-needs-study>. Comments will be made available publicly at the same website.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 23, 2023, by Maria D. Robinson, Director of

the Grid Deployment Office, 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**.

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Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Renewal

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to renew, for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 5, 2023. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period or if you want access to the collection of information, without charge, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the following: Richard Bonnell, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Acquisition Management, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121 or by email at richard.bonnell@hq.doe.gov. Please put "2023 DOE Agency Information Collection Renewal-Financial Assistance" in the subject line when sending an email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Bonnell by phone at (202) 287-1741 or by email at richard.bonnell@hq.doe.gov. Please put "2023 DOE Agency Information Collection Renewal-Financial Assistance" in the subject line when sending an email.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the renewed

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 collection of information, 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 collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains: (1) *OMB No.*: 1910-0400 (Renewal); (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: DOE Financial Assistance Information Clearance; (3) *Type of Review*: Renewal; (4) *Purpose*: This information collection package covers mandatory collections of information necessary to annually plan, solicit, negotiate, award and administer grants and cooperative agreements under the Department's financial assistance programs. The information is used by Departmental management to exercise management oversight with respect to implementation of applicable statutory and regulatory requirements and obligations. The collection of this information is critical to ensure that the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which awardees meet the terms of their agreements; that public funds are spent in the manner intended; and that fraud, waste, and abuse are immediately detected and eliminated; (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 22,900; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 265,550; (7) *Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 1,464,800; and (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0.

Statutory Authorities: Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308.

Signing Authority

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