

**Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee Meeting**

**October 23, 2008**

**Eighth Meeting**

**Conference Call Meeting Minutes**


# Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee

I hereby certify that this transcript constitutes an accurate record of the Eighth Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee Conference Call held on October 23, 2008.



**Kent Abadie, Chair**

Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee



**Date**

## Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee (UDAC)

### Conference Call, October 23, 2008

At 10:00 a.m., the Chair, Kent Abadie, called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Mr. Guido DeHoratiis, the Designated Federal Officer (DFO), also welcomed all.

Ms. Elena Melchert, Committee Manager (CM), then called the roll and recorded the. Attending Committee members were: Kent Abadie, Arnis Judzis, Dan Daulton, Quenton Dokken, Joe Fowler, Luc Ikelle, Stephen Sears, Paul Wiencke, and Mary Jane Wilson. Committee members not in attendance included: Ray Charles, Paul Cicio, Daniel Seamont, Paul Tranter, and Richard Mitchell (who was expected to join the meeting later). Messrs Charles, Seamont, and Mitchell had provided proxies in support of the Committee report. Nine members were present, which exceeded the minimum eight members required for a quorum.

Also attending the meeting were: Guido DeHoratiis, DFO, Elena Melchert, CM, and Mauri Lappinen of TMS, Inc., meeting recorder. Additionally, one member of the public was present, Mr. Derek Sands of Platts.

The Chair stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the final Committee recommendations on the *Draft 2009 Annual Plan*, which had been distributed in final form on October 22 at 3:51 p.m. This document had been produced by the Editing Subcommittee based on the final recommendations from the last Committee meeting in Houston on October 15, 2008.

Voting began with the Chair asking for an indication from any Committee members that did not accept the report; in response, no rejection votes were offered. The Chair then asked for minority opinions and it was noted that none were offered. Finally, the Chair asked for a vote of acceptance which was taken and accepted by unanimous vote.

Mr. Guido DeHoratiis noted the approved agenda for the meeting, which will be included as an appendix to the meeting minutes. Mr. DeHoratiis thanked the group for their ongoing efforts.

Next the Chair reviewed the plan for organizing the two Subcommittees — the Research and Development (R&D) Portfolio and Program Performance Subcommittees. It was noted that a 45-day notice was required for a full Committee meeting and thus the meeting was planned for mid-December to review the Subcommittee member appointments and to endorse the charter for the Subcommittees. The two Subcommittees include R&D Portfolio and Program Performance. In addition to the mid-December full Committee meeting, two other full Committee meetings were tentatively planned in the March and June time frame, which were designed to have the two Subcommittees report out on their observations. It was expected that these three meetings would be conducted by teleconference and WebEx but no final decision has been taken on the latter two

meetings. After these series of meetings, a full Committee meeting is scheduled as a face-to-face meeting for September and October 2009 to review the 2010 draft annual plan.

In response to a prior expressed interest on the part of some Committee members to participate in Research Partnership for Securing Energy for America (RPSEA) Technical Committee meetings, Ms. Melchert noted that it was necessary to have the DOE General Counsel review and endorse the plan for that activity on a case by case basis.

Mr. DeHoratiis noted for the record that no requests for public comments were made.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

The approved agenda for the meeting is attached.

## Attachment



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

**8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
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**PUBLIC ACCESS:** 955 L'Enfant Plaza North, SW, Suite 1500  
Washington, DC

### AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. EASTERN Registration; Begin Member call in
- 10:00 a.m. Roll Call;  
Opening Remarks by the Committee Chair;  
Remarks by Designated Federal Officer  
Report by the Editing Subcommittee;  
Member discussion regarding final report;  
Vote of Approval of Committee final report.  
Member discussion regarding next steps
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

**APPROVED:**

Handwritten signature of Guido DeHoratiis in blue ink.

Guido DeHoratiis, Designated Federal Officer

10/22/08  
Date

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