

U.S. Department of Energy

Charter Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC)

1. Committee's Official Designation:

Electricity Advisory Committee (EAC)

2. Committee's Objectives and Scope of Activities and Duties:

The EAC will conduct the following activities:

- A. Advise on electricity reliability, security and policy issues of concern to the Department of Energy.
- B. Periodically review and make recommendations on DOE electricity programs and initiatives, including electricity-related R&D programs.
- C. Advise on current and future capacity of the electricity system.
- D. Identify emerging issues related to capacity, production, delivery, reliability, security and utility regulation, and make recommendations if appropriate concerning DOE policy and initiatives.
- E. Advise on coordination between DOE, State, regional officials, and the private sector on matters affecting electricity supply, demand, and reliability.
- F. Advise on the coordination between Federal, State, and utility industry authorities in the event of supply disruption or other emergencies related to electricity transmission, generation, and distribution.

3. Time Period Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out Its Purpose:

The Committee will remain active until its goals have been met or its Charter expires. The Charter will expire two years after the Committee's establishment, and may be renewed with the approval of the Secretary.

4. Official to Whom this Committee Reports:

The EAC will provide input to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE).

5. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for this Committee:

The Department of Energy (DOE) will provide financial and administrative support for this Committee.

6. Description of Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible:

The duties of the EAC are solely advisory and are listed in Item 2 above.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs (in Dollars and Person-Years):

Estimated annual operating cost is \$300,000, which will be provided from OE program funds. In addition, OE will provide staff support to the EAC (and its subcommittees or task forces) at an estimated level of one full-time employee.

8. Estimated Number of and Frequency of Meetings:

The EAC will meet at least annually. However, in working to achieve its goals, the Committee may hold additional meetings. Subcommittees may meet as needed to address their assignments.

9. Committee's Termination Date (if less than 2 years from date of establishment):

Not applicable.

10. Subcommittee(s):

To facilitate the functioning of the EAC, subcommittees may be formed with DOE approval. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the parent committee with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the parent committee. Payment of travel expenses or other costs incurred by such experts must be approved in advance by DOE's Designated Federal Officer to EAC.

11. Members:

- A. The Secretary of Energy shall select and approve the appointment of EAC members.
- B. The EAC may have approximately 30 members, including the chair. Members shall be experts in their respective fields and appointed as special Government employees (SGE), or representatives of entities including, but not limited to, State governments, regional planning entities, utility companies, equipment manufacturers, construction and architectural companies, environmental, energy and consumer groups, and other electricity-related organizations, should the EAC's task require such representation.
- C. Full-term appointment to the EAC will be for up to a two-year term that begins on the date of appointment.

D. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which his/her predecessor was appointed. In order to obtain a wide range of experience and input to the EAC, no person shall serve more than two partial and/or full terms consecutively.

12. Chair:

The Secretary shall appoint one member from the EAC membership to serve as the EAC chair.

This Charter for the Electricity Advisory Committee is approved on:

MAR 13 2008

(Date)

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