

**NATIONAL PETROLEUM COUNCIL
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

Advisory Committee Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** National Petroleum Council (NPC).
2. **Authority.** This charter renews the National Petroleum Council (Council) under the authority of the Department of Energy (DOE). The Council is being renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., Ch.10.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Department of Energy on matters relating to oil and natural gas and the oil and natural gas industries.
4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Council are solely advisory in nature and shall include providing advice and recommendations on matters relating to oil and natural gas and the oil and natural gas industries, including, but not limited to, the following areas:
 - Research, development, and demonstration, to unleash American energy innovation;
 - Policy and regulation, to enhance energy security, reliability, and affordability;
 - Market reforms, to enhance the oil and gas industry; and
 - Industry and operator actions, to strengthen energy reliability and security.The Council will submit reports to the Secretary of Energy in response to study requests.
5. **Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations.** The Council reports to the Secretary of Energy through the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Office and is managed by the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Resource Sustainability.
6. **Support.** Support shall be furnished by the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office's Office of Resource Sustainability.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council are approximately \$985,845, including contractor support staff and 20% of two Federal full-time equivalents (FTEs).
8. **Designated Federal Officer (DFO).** A full-time or permanent part-time Department of Energy employee, appointed in accordance with agency procedures, will serve as the DFO (or designee).

The DFO (or designee) will ensure the Council activities comply with FACA, the FACA Final Rule, DOE administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations; approve or call all of the advisory council and any subcommittee meetings; approve all agendas; attend all Council meetings and subcommittee meetings; adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest; chair any meeting when so directed by the

agency head; maintain information on committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; ensure committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training for efficient operation and compliance with FACA; and maintain a public facing website for the committee.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Council will meet periodically, approximately once a year.
10. **Duration.** The Council is expected to be continuing in nature.
11. **Termination.** The Council terminates two years from the charter filing date and may not meet if the Charter is not renewed biennially.
12. **Membership and Designation.** The Council will consist of approximately 200 Representative members, who will be appointed by the Secretary of Energy. All members of the Council represent specific oil and natural gas industry sectors or related interests. These will include balanced representation from among, but not limited to, the following: integrated oil and natural gas companies; independent refiners; large and small oil and natural gas producers; midstream and retail oil and natural gas companies; construction, drilling, and oilfield services; financial and consultant services; electric companies and other large consumers; and non-industry or not-for-profit organizations such as academia, States, Native American Tribes, environmental and other public interest groups, and professional societies.

Members' terms shall be for a period of up to two years. The Secretary of Energy through the Office of Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy may reappoint Council members to additional terms following review. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council shall be appointed by the Secretary of Energy with advice from the Council.

Members of the Council serve without compensation, with a limited exception being case-by-case reimbursement in accordance with Federal travel regulations for per diem and travel expenses incurred by non-industry or not-for-profit group members while attending Council meetings.

13. **Subcommittee(s).** To facilitate the functioning of the Council, subcommittees or workgroups may be formed by the Council Chairperson, with DOE approval, as appropriate. The objectives of the subcommittees are to make recommendations to the parent Council with respect to particular matters related to the responsibilities of the parent Council.

Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered Council and must report their recommendations and advice to the full Council for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Council, nor can they report directly to DOE.

14. **Recordkeeping.** The records of the Council shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2, and Administrative Records Schedule 16, Item 8b (1.1) and approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

15. **Filing Date.**

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