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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PCAST is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House, cabinet departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at *whitehouse.gov*. PCAST is consulted about and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understandings from the domains of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. PCAST is chaired by Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Tentative Schedule and Agenda:

During this open meeting, PCAST is scheduled to discuss the identification of science and technology issues that PCAST members will address and also discuss setting priorities.

Public Comments: It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments no longer than 20 pages and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. The Chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on November 18, 2019, at a time specified in the meeting agenda. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST's work, not for business marketing purposes.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at *PCAST@ostp.eop.gov*, no later than 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time on November 12, 2019. Phone reservations will not be accepted. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) 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, PCAST will select speakers on a first-come, first-served basis from those who applied. Those not selected to present oral comments may always file written

comments with the committee. Speakers are requested to bring at least 25 copies of their oral comments for distribution to the PCAST members.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted continuously, written comments should be submitted to *PCAST@ostp.eop.gov* no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 12, 2019, so that the comments may be made available to the PCAST members prior to this meeting for their consideration.

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST website.

Meeting Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should email *PCAST@ostp.eop.gov* at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Minutes: Minutes will be available within 45 days by emailing *PCAST@ostp.eop.gov*.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 24, 2019.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

DATES: November 19, 2019; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

November 20, 2019; 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I St. SW, Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ian Rowe, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585; telephone at (202) 586-7720, or email: *Ian.Rowe@EE.Doe.Gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: Advise the points-of-contact (Secretaries of Energy and Agriculture) with respect to the Biomass Initiative (The Initiative) and evaluate and make recommendations in writing to the Biomass Research and Development Board.

Purpose of Meeting: To develop advice and guidance that promotes research and development leading to the production of biobased fuels and biobased products.

Tentative Agenda will include the following:

- Update on USDA Biomass R&D Activities
- Update on DOE Biomass R&D Activities
- Presentations from government and industry that provide insights on the intersection of forest health and bioenergy growth.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you must contact Dr. Ian Rowe at (202) 586-7720, or Email: *Ian.Rowe@ee.doe.gov* at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Co-chairs of the Committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. The Co-chairs will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The summary of the meeting will be available for public review and copying at <http://biomassboard.gov/committee/meetings.html>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 24, 2019.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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