

# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## CHARTER

### UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation:

Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee (URTAC)

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

The Advisory Committee is to (A) advise the Secretary on the development and implementation of programs under Section 999 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law No. 109-58, related to unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resources and (B) provide to the Secretary written comments regarding the draft annual plan that is required by Section 999B(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Further, the Committee will not make recommendations on funding awards to particular consortia or other entities, or for specific projects.

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

Section 999F of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 stipulates that this committee shall terminate on September 30, 2014.

4. Official to Whom this Committee Reports:

The Committee will report to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy or his/her designee.

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

The Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy will provide all necessary support for this Committee.

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

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in paragraph 2 above.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Person-years:

\$100,000; one-quarter person-year.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings:

The Committee will meet approximately twice per year, as required.

9. Subcommittee(s):

To facilitate the functioning of URTAC, subcommittees may be formed in consultation with the Designated Federal Officer. The objective of subcommittees is to gather data, conduct analyses, and develop draft recommendations for consideration by the full committee. In consultation with the Designated Federal Officer, a subcommittee may consult with experts who are not members of the Committee.

10. Committee's Termination Date (if less than Two Years from Date of Establishment of Renewal)

Not applicable.

11. Members:

a. In accordance with Section 999D(b)(2), URTAC shall be composed of members appointed by the Secretary of Energy either as experts (special Government employees) or in a representative capacity, including:

- 1.) a majority of members who are employees or representatives of independent producers of natural gas and other petroleum, including small producers;
- 2.) individuals with extensive research experience or operational knowledge of unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resource exploration and production;
- 3.) individuals broadly representative of the affected interests in unconventional natural gas and other petroleum resource exploration and production, including interests in environmental protection and safe operations and;
- 4.) individuals with expertise in the various geographic areas of potential supply of unconventional onshore natural gas and other petroleum in the United States.

No individuals who are Federal employees; and no individuals who are board members, officers, or employees of the program consortium will be members of the Committee.

b. Approximate number of members: 20.

12. Chairperson:

The Secretary shall designate a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members of the Committee.

