

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CHARTER

ULTRA-DEEPWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation:

Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee (UDAC)

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 Subtitle J of the Energy Policy Act, Public Law No. 109-58, related to ultra-deepwater 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. 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-years.

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 UDAC, subcommittees may be formed. The objective of subcommittees are to gather data, conduct analyses, and develop draft recommendations for consideration by the full committee. 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 or Renewal)

Not Applicable

11. Members

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

1.) individuals with extensive research experience or operational knowledge of offshore natural gas and other petroleum exploration and production and;

2.) individuals broadly representative of the affected interests in ultra-deepwater natural gas and other petroleum production, including interests in environmental protection and safe operations;

No individuals who are Federal employees; and no individuals who are board members, officers, or employees of the program consortium may be appointed to serve as committee members.

b. Approximate number of members: 20, but not less than 15.

12. Chairperson:

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

This Charter for the Advisory Committee named above is hereby approved on:

MAY 10 2006

Date



James N. Solit
Advisory Committee Management Officer

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Date Filed