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Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Electric Utility Generating Units; Revisions to Emission Guideline Implementing Regulations; Revisions to New Source Review Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 31, 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a document in the **Federal Register** to announce its proposed Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Electric Utility Generating Units; Revisions to Emission Guideline Implementing Regulations; Revisions to New Source Review Program, also being called the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule. The document also requested public comment on the proposed action. The EPA is announcing that it will hold a public hearing. The hearing will provide interested parties the opportunity to present data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed action. In addition, the EPA is extending the comment period by 1 day to allow for 30 days of public comment following the public hearing.

DATES: *Public Hearing:* The EPA will hold a public hearing on October 1, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. Please refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for additional information on the public hearing.

Comments: The EPA must receive comments on this proposed action no later than October 31, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held in the Lake Michigan Room of the Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The hearing will convene at 9:00 a.m. (local time) and will conclude at 8:00 p.m. There will be a lunch break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a dinner break from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Because this hearing is being held at a U.S. government facility, individuals planning to attend the hearing should be prepared to show valid picture identification to the security staff to gain access to the meeting room. Please note that the REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, established new requirements for entering federal facilities. For purposes of the REAL ID Act, the EPA will accept government-issued IDs, including driver's licenses, from the District of Columbia and all states and territories except from American Samoa. If your identification is issued by American Samoa, you must present an additional form of identification to enter the federal building where the public hearing will be held. Acceptable alternative forms of identification include: federal employee badges, passports, enhanced driver's licenses, and military identification cards. For additional information on the status of your state regarding REAL ID, go to: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>. Any objects brought into the building need to fit through the security screening system, such as a purse, laptop bag, or small backpack. Demonstrations will not be allowed on federal property for security reasons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EPA will begin pre-registering speakers for the hearing upon publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. To register to speak at the hearing, please use the online registration form available at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/forms/affordable-clean-energy-rule->

proposal-public-hearing or contact Adrian Gates at (919) 541-4860 or at *gates.adrian@epa.gov*.

The last day to pre-register to speak at the hearing will be September 24, 2018. On September 28, 2018, the EPA will post at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/forms/affordable-clean-energy-rule-proposal-public-hearing> a general agenda for the hearing that will list pre-registered speakers in approximate order. The EPA will make every effort to follow the schedule as closely as possible on the day of the hearing; however, please plan for the hearing to run either ahead of schedule or behind schedule. Additionally, requests to speak will be taken the day of the hearing at the hearing registration desk. The EPA will make every effort to accommodate all speakers who arrive and register, although preferences on speaking times may not be able to be fulfilled.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Each commenter will have 5 minutes to provide oral testimony. The EPA encourages commenters to provide the EPA with a copy of their oral testimony electronically (via email) or in hard copy form.

The EPA may ask clarifying questions during the oral presentations, but will not respond to the presentations at that time. Written statements and supporting information submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as oral comments and supporting information presented at the public hearing. Commenters should notify Adrian Gates if they will need specific equipment or if there are other special needs related to providing comments at the hearing. Verbatim transcripts of the hearing and written statements will be included in the docket for the rulemaking.

Please note that any updates made to any aspect of the hearing will be posted online at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/forms/affordable-clean-energy-rule->

proposal-public-hearing. While the EPA expects the hearing to go forward as set forth above, please monitor our website or contact Adrian Gates at (919) 541-4860 or gates.adrian@epa.gov to determine if there are any updates. The EPA does not intend to publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing updates.

The EPA will not provide audiovisual equipment for presentations unless we receive special requests in advance. Commenters should notify Adrian Gates when they pre-register to speak that they will need specific equipment. If you require the service of a translator or special accommodations such as audio description, please pre-register for the hearing and describe your needs by September 24, 2018. We may not be able to arrange accommodations without advanced notice.

Dated: September 4, 2018.

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