NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL
U.S. Department of Energy

Advisory Committee Charter

1. Committee's Official Designation. National Coal Council (NCC)

2. Authority. This charter establishes the National Coal Council (Council) under the authority of the U.S. 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., App. 2.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities. The National Coal Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on general policy matters relating to coal and the coal industry. The Council activities include:

- Federal policy that affects, directly or indirectly, the production, marketing and use of coal;
- Plans, priorities and strategies to address more effectively the technological, regulatory and social impact of issues relating to coal production and use;
- The appropriate balance between various elements of Federal coal-related programs;
- Scientific and engineering aspects of coal technologies, including emerging coal conversion, utilization or environmental control concepts; and
- The progress of coal research and development pursuant to the Office of Coal Research Act, Public Law 86-599 (1960) and coal research, development, demonstration and commercial application pursuant to section 1301 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486.

4. Description of Duties. The duties of the Council are solely advisory in nature.

5. Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports. The National Coal Council reports to the Secretary of Energy.

6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support. Department of Energy. Within the Department, primary support shall be furnished by the Office of Fossil Energy.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Person-Years. The estimated annual operating cost associated with supporting the Council is approximately $140,000; one-half person-year.

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 approve or call all of the advisory council's and subcommittee's meetings, and prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all council meetings and subcommittee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings. The Council will meet approximately twice 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 125-150 members, who will be appointed by the Secretary of Energy. Council members will normally be appointed in a representative capacity, however, members may also be appointed as special Government employees. Membership terms shall be for a period of up to two years. Council members may be reappointed to additional terms following review. In addition to non-Federal members, the Council shall include ex-officio representation by other Federal agencies with responsibility for aspects of policies relating to coal.

The officers of the Council shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and such other officers as may be approved by the Secretary of Energy.

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Council and will serve for a period of one to two years.

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 National Coal Council, subcommittees may be formed by the NCC 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. Ad hoc members from outside the National Coal Council may be appointed by the NCC Chairperson and DOE to ensure the competence necessary to conduct the subcommittee's business.

Such subcommittees or work groups 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 work groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Council, nor can they report directly to the Department of Energy.

14. Recordkeeping. The records of the Council shall be handled in accordance with the 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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