

recommendations varied based on the type of CHP configuration. WCI in its final 2008 recommendation⁹ did not advance one allocation method over another, stating “adequate quantification methods will be established for emissions sources prior to including them in the program”. The British Standards Institute (BSI)’s Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 2050¹⁰ recommends using an approach based on the unit of useful energy delivered. The specification recommends “the allocation shall be carried out in proportion to the amount of useful energy delivered in each form, multiplied by the intensity of GHG emissions associated with each unit of useful energy delivered as heat and electricity.” This methodology acknowledges that each CHP system may have a different ratio of outputs of thermal and electrical energy.

Application of the Work Potential Allocation Methodology to the Dakota Plant

Under the RFS2 program, EPA is considering use of the work potential method for the configuration outlined in the Dakota petition because the primary purpose of the steam generated at Spiritwood power plant before extraction is to produce power. This method allocates the emissions to extracted steam based on the amount of power displaced (i.e., the electricity not generated).

A Memorandum to the Docket explains in more detail how the work potential methodology would be applied to the plant configuration proposed for the Dakota plant, resulting in a specific GHG emission factor per mmbtu of steam energy. This emissions factor would be used in analyzing the total GHG emissions per mmbtu of ethanol produced by the Dakota facility, as part of determining whether the ethanol produced by the facility would qualify under the lifecycle GHG thresholds established in the RFS program. For the configuration outlined in the Dakota petition, EPA’s analysis finds that the process steam has an emission factor of 53,175 grams CO₂-eq/mmbtu steam.

⁹ The WCI Partner jurisdictions recognize the importance of combined heat and power (cogeneration) in the program scope and are continuing to evaluate its implications for the program design. Western Climate Initiative, Design Recommendations for the WCI Regional Cap-and-Trade Program. September 23, 2008, Corrected March 13, 2009.

¹⁰ British Standards Institute (BSI), PAS 2050: 2011, Specification for the assessment of the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of goods and services, Section 8.5, Emissions from energy production using CHP.

EPA invites comments on the proposed application of the work potential methodology to determine emissions associated with imported steam to the Dakota plant in the context of lifecycle emissions accounting. Furthermore, EPA invites comment on applying the work potential approach to other plants with similar CHP configurations under the RFS program. EPA also requests information on the appropriateness of applying alternative allocation approaches outlined in this notice to the Dakota plant, as well as any other approaches that could also be used to allocate emissions to steam for this specific CHP configuration under the RFS program.

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FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSURANCE CORPORATION

Board Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation.

ACTION: Regular meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on September 13, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale L. Aultman, Secretary to the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parts of this meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available) and parts will be closed to the public. In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Closed Session

- Confidential Report on Farm Credit System Performance

Open Session

A. Approval of Minutes

- June 14, 2012 (Regular Meeting)

B. Business Reports

- FCSIC Quarterly Financial Reports
- Report on Insured and Other Obligations
- Quarterly Report on Annual Performance Plan

C. New Business

- Annual Performance Plan FY 2013–2014
- Proposed 2013 and 2014 Budgets
- Insurance Fund Progress Review and Setting of Premium Range Guidance for 2013

Dated: September 6, 2012.

Dale L. Aultman,

Secretary, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation Board.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be