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\*\*Some of the regulatory summaries referenced from U.S. Northern Review publication.

## STATE

### FINAL:

**NET METERING REGULATORY AMENDMENTS** The Maryland Public Service Commission has [adopted](#) amendments to Regulation .07 under COMAR 20.50.10, Net Metering. The amendments clarify the types of customers eligible for aggregate net metering. The amendments became effective on 18 JUL 16.

## FEDERAL

### FINAL:

**FEDERAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE GUIDE** In June 2016, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) released a [guidance document](#) that provides basic information for federal staff who are new to the concept of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates. The guide serves as the “CEQ Renewable Energy Certificate Guidance” referenced in the Executive Order (EO) 13693 [implementing instructions](#) and is intended to assist agencies in understanding the use of renewable energy certificates to meet statutory and EO goals for renewable energy. It does not specifically address the process for agencies to report renewable energy consumption. Agencies should refer to the most recent U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) [reporting guidance](#) for instructions on how to report renewable energy consumption.

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### FEDERAL

**SUPREME COURT VALIDATES DEMAND RESPONSE ENERGY MARKET** On 26 JAN 16, the Supreme Court issued a ruling in the case, [FERC v. Electric Power Supply Association](#). The ruling is expected to give demand response support, which in turn is expected to reduce carbon emissions and the price of electricity.

**AUTOMOTIVE ALTERNATIVE FUEL RATINGS, CERTIFICATION, AND DISPENSER LABELING** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has issued a final rule adopting rating, certification, and labeling requirements for certain ethanol-gasoline blends ([81 FR 2053](#)). The final rule became effective on 14 JUL 2016.

**DOE SEMIANNUAL REGULATORY AGENDA** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released its [Spring 2016 semiannual regulatory agenda](#) ([81 FR 37287](#)). The agenda is a compilation of upcoming and ongoing regulatory activity, including a brief description of each rulemaking and a timetable for action. The agenda also includes a list of regulatory actions completed since the last agenda.

**FINAL DETERMINATION FOR HID LAMPS** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a final determination that energy conservation standards for high-intensity discharge (HID) lamps do not meet the criteria of being technologically feasible, economically justified, and resulting in significant energy savings ([80 FR 76355](#)). Specifically, DOE concluded that standards for high-pressure sodium (HPS) lamps are not technologically feasible, and that standards for mercury vapor (MV) and metal halide (MH) lamps are not economically justified. The HPS, MV, and MH lamps are subcategories of HID lamps. The final determination became effective on December 9, 2015.

**ePROJECT BUILDER TOOL** The Department of Energy's (DOE's) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) launched [eProject Builder](#) (ePB), a secure web-based data entry and tracking system for energy savings performance contract (ESPC) projects. ePB is a free service developed and managed by the University of California/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. The ePB enables energy service companies and their customers to: (1) upload and track ESPC project information; (2) generate basic project reports; and (3) benchmark new ESPC projects against historical project data.

**APPLICATION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY** The Departments of State, Commerce, and Energy are launching the pilot phase of an interactive application (app) of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions ([80 FR 3219](#)). The app will showcase an array of clean energy goods and services, including renewable energy equipment (solar, wind, geothermal), biofuels, fuel cell power, smart grid technologies, energy efficiency solutions, and U.S.-based services critical to the deployment of clean energy supplies.

### OTHER

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER USE REDUCTION TOOLKIT** The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Corporate Citizenship Center released a [toolkit](#) to help organizations make informed decisions about projects intended to increase energy efficiency or reduce water use. The toolkit addresses the energy/water nexus, or the interrelatedness of energy and water projects.