

establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On February 11, 1997, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. there will be discussing the qualifications of nominees for vacancies in the membership of the National Assessment Governing Board. The review and subsequent discussions of this information relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

A summary of the activities of the meeting and related matters, which are informative to the public, consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C., 552b, will be available to the public within fourteen days after the meeting.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: January 7, 1997.  
Roy Truby,  
*Executive Director, National Assessment  
Governing Board.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-135 and EA-136]

### Applications to Export Electric Energy; Newco US, L.P.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Newco US, L.P. (Newco), a limited partnership, has submitted an application to export electric energy to Mexico and Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before February 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-52), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.,

Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On November 29, 1996, Newco filed two applications with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico (Docket EA-135) and Canada (Docket EA-136), as a power marketer, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Newco has proposed to transmit to Mexico and Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies.

Newco would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Mexico over one or more of the following international transmission or subtransmission lines for which Presidential permits (PP) have been previously issued:

Owner	Location	Voltage	Presidential permit No.
San Diego Gas & Elect. ....	Miguel, CA .....	230 KV	PP-68
El Paso Electric .....	Imperial Valley, CA .....	230 KV	PP-79
	Diablo, NM .....	115 KV	PP-92
Central Power and Light .....	Ascarate, TX .....	115 KV	PP-48
	Brownsville, TX .....	138 KV	PP-94
		69 KV	PP-94
Comision Federal de Electricidad .....	Eagle Pass, TX .....	138 KV	PP-50
	Laredo, TX .....	138 KV	PP-57
	Falcon Dam, TX .....	138 KV	PP-57

Newco would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over one or more of the following international transmission or subtransmission lines for which Presidential permits (PP) have been previously issued:

Owner	Location	Voltage	Presidential permit No.
Basin Electric .....	Tioga, ND .....	230-kV	PP-64
Bonneville Power Administration .....	Blaine, WA .....	2-500-kV	PP-10
	Nelway, WA .....	230-kV	PP-36
	Nelway, WA .....	230-kV	PP-46
Citizens Utilities .....	Derby Line, VT .....	120-kV	PP-66
Detroit Edison .....	St. Clair, MI .....	345-kV	PP-38
	Maryville, MI .....	230-kV	PP-21
	Detroit, MI .....	230-kV	PP-21
	St. Clair, MI .....	345-kV	PP-58
Eastern Maine Elect. Coop .....	Calais, ME .....	69-kV	PP-32
Joint Owners of Highgate Project .....	Highgate, VT .....	345-kV <sup>2</sup>	PP-82
Maine Electric Power Co .....	Houlton, ME .....	345-kV	PP-43
Maine Public Service Co .....	Limestone, ME .....	69-kV	PP-12
	Fort Fairfield, ME .....	69-kV	PP-12
	Aroostook County, ME .....	138-kV	PP-29
	Madawaska, ME .....	2-69-kV	PP-29
Minnesota Power and Light Co .....	International Falls, MN .....	115-kV	PP-78

<sup>1</sup> Newco is a limited partnership in which Westcoast Power Marketing, Inc. and Coastal Gas Services Company each owns indirectly a 49.5%

limited partnership interest, and Newco US, Inc. owns a 1% general partnership interest.

Owner	Location	Voltage	Presidential permit No.
Minnkota Power .....	Roseau County, MN .....	230-kV	PP-61
New York Power Authority .....	Massena, NY .....	765-kV	PP-56
	Massena, NY .....	2-230-kV	PP-25
	Niagara Falls, NY .....	2-345-kV	PP-74
	Devils Hole, NY .....	230-kV	PP-30
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp .....	Devils Hole, NY .....	230-kV	PP-31
Northern States Power .....	Red River, ND .....	230-kV	PP-45
	Roseau County, MN .....	500-kV	PP-63
Vermont Electric Transmission Co .....	Norton, VT .....	±450-kV DC	PP-76

<sup>2</sup> These facilities were constructed at 345-kV but operated at 120-kV.

As noted above, Newco proposes to export electricity to Mexico over lines owned and operated by the El Paso Electric Company (EPE) and permitted under Presidential Permits Nos. PP-48, as amended, and PP-92. On October 29, 1996, the Secretary of Energy signed Delegation Order No. 0204-163 which delegated and assigned to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) authority to carry out such functions vested in the Secretary to regulate access to, and the rates, terms and conditions for, transmission services over the facilities of EPE. This authority was delegated to FERC for the sole purpose of authorizing FERC to take any actions necessary to effectuate open access transmission over the United States portion of EPE's electric transmission lines connecting the Diablo and Ascarate substations in the United States with the Insurgentes and Riverena substations in Mexico. Notice and a copy of the Delegation Order were published in the Federal Register on November 1, 1996, at 61 FR 56525.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS:** Any persons desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on Newco's request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-135. Comments on Newco's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-136. Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Jeffrey D. Watkiss; Sarah G. Novosel, Bracewell and Patterson, L.L.P., 2000 K St., NW, Suite 500; Washington, DC 20006, Fax: (202) 223-1225 and Peter Leier, Westcoast Power Marketing, Inc., 421-7th Avenue, SW., Suite 1100, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 728 4K9 and Laurence C. Mosher, Jr., Fulbright & Jaworski,

L.L.P., 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, TX 77010-3095, Fax (713) 651-5246).

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

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Anthony J. Como,  
Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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#### **Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site.

#### **DATES AND TIMES:**

Monday, January 27, 1997:

6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (Joint Meeting of Issues-based Committee Chairs)

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (Public Comment Session)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Subcommittee Meetings)

Tuesday, January 28, 1997: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Hilton, Palmetto Dunes, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gerri Flemming, Public Accountability Specialist, Environmental Restoration and Solid Waste Division, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, S.C. 29802 (803) 725-5374.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

#### **Tentative Agenda:**

*Monday, January 27, 1997*

6:00 p.m.—Joint meeting of issues-based subcommittee chairs

6:30 p.m.—Public comment session (5-minute rule)

7:00 p.m.—Subcommittee meetings

9:00 p.m.—Adjourn

*Tuesday, January 28, 1997*

8:30 a.m.

Approval of minutes, agency updates (~ 15 minutes)

Public comment session (5-minute rule) (~ 15 minutes)

Facilitator update and review of recommendations (~ 1 hour)

Election of subcommittee chairs and administrative subcommittee report and proposal to amend bylaws (~ 1 hour 15 minutes)

Spent fuel forum update (~ 15 minutes)

Nuclear materials management subcommittee report (~ 30 minutes)

12:00 p.m.—Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Cancer registry presentation (~ 30 minutes)

Allied General Nuclear Services presentation (~ 30 minutes)

Environmental restoration and waste management subcommittee report (~ 1 and half hours)

—Riverwater shutdown system

—environmental impact statement

—Russian melter

—F/H groundwater phase I and II

4:00 p.m.—Adjourn