

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janessa Zucchetto, (240) 474-8226, Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 CFR 205.300 *et seq.*). Sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)) transferred this regulatory authority, previously exercised by the now-defunct Federal Power Commission, to DOE.

Section 202(e) of the FPA provides that an entity which seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing that export (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) under Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On November 18, 2024, Powerex filed an application for the renewal of authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a term of five years. App. at 1.

According to the Application, Powerex is a power marketer "organized under the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia, with its principal place of business at 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1300, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2X8." *Id.* at 2, 4. Powerex represents that it is "the wholly owned marketing subsidiary of the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority[.]" *Id.* at 2. The Applicant "sells power at wholesale from a portfolio" of various resources acquired from sellers within both the U.S. and Canada. *Id.* Further, Powerex states that it has market-based rate authority granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). *Id.* at 2 n.3.

The Applicant states it "neither owns generation resources nor has a franchised service area or native load obligation[.]" nor does it have a "transmission 'system' of its own, such that Powerex's exports of power could have no impact on broader system reliability or resilience." App. at 4. The Applicant states that "[t]he electric energy Powerex will export, either on a firm or interruptible basis, will be surplus to the system of the third-party generator from whom such power will

be purchased." *Id.* at 5. Thus, the Applicant asserts that "[b]ecause Powerex is a power marketer with no native load obligations, and because the power it purchases will be surplus to the needs of its third-party suppliers, Powerex's exports meet the first statutory criterion of FPA section 202(e)." *Id.*

Further, Powerex states it "will schedule its exports from the U.S. in compliance with all applicable reliability criteria, standards, and other guidance from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") (or any successor organization) and regional reliability councils, as applied by domestic transmission providers." App. at 4. The Applicant further affirms that it "will also separately obtain all necessary authorization, both regulatory and contractual" for the proposed electricity exports. *Id.* at 6. Therefore, the Applicant states that "the requested exports will not impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities subject to the jurisdiction of FERC." *Id.*

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. *See* App. at Attachment 1.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning Powerex's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-171-F. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Connor Curson, Powerex Corp., 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1300, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2X8, connor.curson@powerex.com; Tyler S. Johnson, Bracewell LLP, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3420, Seattle, WA 98104, tyler.johnson@bracewell.com; Joshua Robichaud, Bracewell LLP, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3420, Seattle, WA 98104, josh.robichaud@bracewell.com; and Gary Bridgens, Bracewell LLP, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3420, Seattle, WA 98104, gary.bridgens@bracewell.com.

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

Copies of this Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/pending-applications-0> or by emailing Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 13, 2024, by Maria Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 16, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-519]

Application for Authorization To Export Electric Energy; OIKO Energy Inc.

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: OIKO Energy Inc. (OIKO or the Applicant) has applied for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before January 21, 2025.

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On October 31, 2024, OIKO filed an application for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a term of five years. App. at 1.

According to the Application, the "Applicant is a corporation organized under the Canada Business Corporation Act, with its principal place of business in Lac Brome, Quebec, Canada." *Id.* The Applicant represents that it is "expecting to become a power marketer engaging in the purchase and sale of physical and/or virtual energy in the Day-ahead and Real-time Markets of various Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations." *Id.* OIKO states it does not own, operate, or control "any electric generation, transmission or distribution facilities. *Id.* Further, OIKO represents that it "has no obligation to serve native load usually associated with a franchised service area, and, thus . . . will not impair any current supplier's ability to meet current and prospective power supply obligations." *Id.* at 3. The Applicant represents that "[a]ny power purchased . . . for export would be surplus to the needs of those entities selling power to OIKO. Therefore, the electric power that OIKO will export on either a firm or interruptible basis will not impair the sufficiency of the electric power supply within the United States." *Id.* (internal citations omitted).

The Applicant further states that it will "schedule its transactions with the appropriate balancing authority areas in

compliance with the reliability criteria standards and guidelines established by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation[.]" App. at 3. OIKO asserts that its exports will not impair or tend to impede the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operations. *Id.* at 4.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. *See* App. at Attachment 1.

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Comments and other filings concerning OIKO's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-519. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Alex Falconer, OIKO Energy Inc., 169 Mont Echo, Lac Brome, Quebec, Canada, JOE 1V0, afalconer@oiko.ca and William J. Dodge, Esq., Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, P.O. Box 190, 199 Main St., Burlington, VT 05402-0190, wdodge@drm.com.

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an in-person/virtual hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, January 28, 2025; 1 to 5 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: Cities of Gold Ballroom, 10-A Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506. This hybrid meeting will be open to the public in person and via WebEx. To attend virtually, please contact the Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board (NNMCAB) Executive Director at bridget.maestas@em.doe.gov no later than 5 p.m. MST on Friday, January 24, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bridget Maestas, NNMCAB Executive Director, by phone: 505-709-7466 or Email: bridget.maestas@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

Tentative Agenda:

- Presentation to the Board
- Agency Updates