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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-210-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; PPL EnergyPlus, LLC

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: PPL EnergyPlus, LLC (PPL EnergyPlus) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before October 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

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 July 19, 1999, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-210 authorizing PPL EnergyPlus to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, International Transmission Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Inc., Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power,

and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization expired on July 19, 2001.

On August 21, 2001, PPL EnergyPlus filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the authorization be granted for a five-year term.

Procedural Matters

Any person 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 each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the PPL EnergyPlus request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-210-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with, Jesse A. Dillon, Esq., Senior Counsel, PPL Services Corporation, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101, Lisa H. Tucker, Esq., Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds LLP, 1735 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006 and John F. Cotter, Vice President—Energy Marketing and Trading, PPL EnergyPlus, LLC, Two North Ninth Street, Allentown, PA 18101.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order No. EA-210. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-210 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select “Electricity,” from the Regulatory Info menu, and then “Pending Proceedings” from the options menus.

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National Transmission Grid Study 2001

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the National Transmission Grid Study, a set of public workshops, and request comments. President George W. Bush unveiled his National Energy Policy (NEP) on May 17, 2001. Included in the NEP were 105 recommendations to produce more reliable, affordable and environmentally clean energy. One of the recommendations directed the Secretary of Energy to examine the benefits of establishing a national electrical grid, identifying major transmission bottlenecks and remedies to remove them. This National Transmission Grid Study 2001 (NTGS 2001) will identify the major transmission bottlenecks across the U.S. It will examine both the technical and economic issues resulting from these transmission constraints and provide innovative solutions to reverse these trends. A 21st century transmission super highway that utilizes new technology to ensure reliability will be the driver that serves the growing needs of our economy. A vibrant and reliable transmission system is essential to lowering the cost of electricity for customers all across the country. The NTGS 2001 will recommend regulatory and market based approaches that will stimulate new investment in our interstate bulk power transmission systems. The NTGS 2001 team will work with our nation's Governors to ensure that state's views are heard in the process of developing this study.

DATES: DOE will host public workshops at the following dates, times and locations. The agenda and subject matter will be the same for each workshop. Those planning to attend the workshops should register at www.ntgs.doe.gov

—September 24th/9 a.m.—4 p.m./

Detroit, Michigan.

Detroit Marriott Romulus, Metro Airport, 30559 Flynn Drive, Romulus, MI 48174.

—September 26th/9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m./

Atlanta, GA.

Hyatt Regency, 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

—September 28th/9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m./

Phoenix, Arizona.

Phoenix Airport Marriott, 1101 North 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008.

Public Participation: The workshops are open to the public. If you would like to submit written comments, they can be submitted at a workshop or to either