

provisions in § 75.217 governing the Secretary's selection of applications for new awards.

Due to the unexpected receipt of over two hundred grant applications, the limited estimated number (10) of possible grant awards, and the importance of identifying the highest-quality early childhood educator professional development programs for replication from this large applicant pool, the Secretary announces special final competition procedures that will govern this competition and FY 2001 awards of these grants.

Competition Procedures. Except as stated below, the Secretary will follow the procedures in part 75 for selecting applications for new grants, including the procedures in § 75.217.

As indicated in § 75.217(a), the Secretary will select applications for new grants on the basis of the authorizing statute, the absolute priority, and the competitive preferences and selection criteria previously published in the **Federal Register** in the notice inviting applications. In selecting applications, the Secretary will use a two-tier process of review by experts who include persons who are not employees of the Federal Government.

In the first tier of review, panels of experts will evaluate eligible applications against the selection criteria published in the notice inviting applications. Depending upon the quality of the applications and their relative merit, the Secretary plans to select between approximately 30–50 of the highest-quality eligible applications that meet the absolute priority, based upon the points awarded under the selection criteria and competitive preferences during the first-tier review. Those applications then will qualify for a second-tier review.

In the second tier of review, a smaller number of panels comprised of experts who have specialized research-based knowledge about early childhood education, early literacy, and language development will review the applications that qualify for this tier of review. These specialized expert panels will evaluate the applications against the selection criteria published in the notice inviting applications. This second-tier review will be independent of the first-tier review. The Secretary will prepare a rank order of the applications in the second-tier review, based solely on the evaluation of their quality according to the selection criteria and their qualification for additional points under each of the competitive preferences.

The Secretary then will use the criteria in § 75.217(d) to determine the order in which the second group of applications will be selected for grants.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking: It is the Secretary's general practice, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553), to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed rules. Section 437(d)(1) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), however, exempts from this requirement rules that apply to the first competition under a new program such as this one. In addition, section 553(b)(A) of the APA provides that procedural rules, such as those in this notice, are not subject to rulemaking. Because of the unanticipated need for special competition procedures and to ensure timely awards of these grant funds, the Secretary has decided to forego public comment with respect to these procedures in accordance with section 437(d)(1) of GEPA and section 553(b)(A) of the APA. These procedures will be applicable only to the FY 2001 competition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6622 and Public Law No. 106–554.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA–244 and EA–245]

Application to Export Electric Energy; IDACORP Energy, L.P.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of applications.

SUMMARY: Idaho Power Company (IPC) and IDACORP Energy L.P. (IELP) jointly applied to transfer the authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada and to Mexico, pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act, from IPC to IELP.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Imports/Exports (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:

Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202–586–7983 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 June 19, 2000, in Docket EA–222, and on March 30, 2001, in Docket EA–233, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized IPC to export electric energy from the U.S. to Canada and to Mexico, respectively, using a collection of international transmission facilities appropriate for third-party transmission of electric energy.

IDACORP, Inc. is a holding company of both IPC and IELP. The proposed request to transfer export authority is occasioned by a corporate reorganization of IDACORP, Inc., in which IPC will perform only public utility functions of owning and operating generating and transmission facilities while IELP will perform only power marketing functions. Since IPC

will no longer be performing power marketing functions, the subject applications request the transfer of the authority to export electric energy from IPC to IELP.

IELP will purchase the electric energy to be exported to Mexico and to Canada from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, cogeneration and small power production facilities, and exempt wholesale generators within the United States.

In FE Docket EA-244, IELP proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico.

In FE Docket EA-245, IELP proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company.

The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by IELP, as more fully described in the applications, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

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 IELP application to transfer IPC's authority to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-244. Comments on the IELP application to transfer IPC's authority to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-245. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Ms. Michelle I. K. Catherine, Manager, Contracts Administration, IDACORP Energy, L.P.,

Cottonwood Plaza, 350 North Mitchell Street, Boise, ID 83704 AND Mr. Jeffrey S. Burk, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action 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 or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation" and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science

Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, August 1, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, August 2, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Room LSB-318, James Forrestal Campus U.S. Route #1 North at Sayre Drive, Princeton, New Jersey 08543.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Albert L. Opdenaker, Office of Fusion Energy Sciences; U.S. Department of Energy; 19901 Germantown Road; Germantown, MD 20874-1290; Telephone: 301-903-4927.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Meeting: The major purpose of this meeting is for the full committee to

complete its work on the Theory Program review charge and the Burning Plasma Science charge. The committee will also receive briefings on the various elements of the Compact Stellarator program, and the ITER Canada proposal to host the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER).

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, August 1, 2001

- DOE/Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) Perspective
- Report from the Theory Review Panel
- Office of Management and Budget Views on the National Research Council fusion report and on the National Energy Policy
- Presentations on the Compact Stellarator Program
- Tour of Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) Facilities

Thursday, August 2, 2001

- Presentation from ITER Canada-Proposal to build the ITER Facility in Ontario
- Report from the Burning Plasma Science Panel
- Public Comments

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Albert L. Opdenaker at 301-903-8584 (fax) or albert.opdenaker@science.doe.gov (e-mail). You must make your request for an oral statement at least 5 business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

Minutes: We will make the minutes of this meeting available for public review and copying within 30 days at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room; IE-190; Forrestal Building; 1000 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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