

and requested that the Order be issued for an additional two-year term. On June 18, 1999, DOE issued FE Order No. EA-145-A granting that request. That two-year authorization expired on June 18, 2001. On June 19, 2001, Powerex filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for an additional two-year term.

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 EA-145.

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-145 proceeding.

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 Powerex request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-145-B. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Mr. Douglas Little, Vice President, Trade Policy & Development, Powerex Corp., 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1400, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2X8, and Ms. Lisa Cherkas, Manager, Trade Policy, Powerex Corp., 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1400, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2X8.

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 "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-243]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Tenaska Power Services Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Tenaska Power Services Co. (Tenaska Power) has applied for 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 August 9, 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: 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 June 4, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Tenaska Power to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. Tenaska Power, a Nebraska Corporation with its principal place of business in Texas, is engaged in the marketing and trading of electricity at wholesale. Tenaska Power does not own or control any electric power generation or transmission facilities and does not have a franchised power service.

Tenaska Power proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, 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, operation,

maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Tenaska Power, as more fully described in the application, 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 Tenaska Power application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-243. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Norma Rosner Iacovo, Assistant General Counsel, Tenaska Power Services Co., 1701 E. Lamar Boulevard, Suite 100, Arlington, TX 76006 and Neil L. Levy, Esq., Kirkland & Ellis, 655 Fifteenth Street, NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-216-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc., (TEMUS) 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 August 9, 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: 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 August 31, 1999, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-216 authorizing TEMUS 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 and Light Co., Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization will expire on August 31, 2001.

On June 15, 2001, TEMUS 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 TEMUS request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-216-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Sterling Koch, Counsel & Assistant Secretary, TransAlta Energy Marketing (U.S.) Inc., Box 1900, Station "M", 110-12th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2M1 and Donna J. Bobbish, Counsel, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004-1008.

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-216. 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-216 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. PP-229]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; Tucson Electric Power Company

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and to conduct public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) has applied to DOE for a Presidential permit to construct a double-circuit 345,000-volt (345-kV) transmission line originating at TEP's South Substation in Sahuarita, Arizona, and extending approximately 60 miles to the south along one of three

alternative routes, where it would cross the United States border with Mexico in the vicinity of Nogales, Arizona. South of the border, the line would extend approximately 60 miles into Mexico and terminate at an existing substation located in the City of Santa Ana, in the Mexican State of Sonora. DOE has determined that the issuance of the Presidential permit would constitute a major Federal action that may have a significant impact upon the environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). For this reason, DOE intends to prepare an EIS to address reasonably foreseeable impacts from the proposed action and alternatives.

The purpose of this Notice of Intent is to inform the public about the proposed action, announce plans for three public scoping meetings in the vicinity of the proposed transmission lines, invite public participation in the scoping process, and solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS. Because the proposed project may involve an action in a floodplain or wetland, the EIS will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment and floodplain statement of findings in accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022).

DATES: DOE invites interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public to submit comments or suggestions to assist in identifying significant environmental issues and in determining the appropriate scope of the EIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until August 9, 2001. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by August 9, 2001 in defining the scope of this EIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Dates for the public scoping meetings are:

1. July 30, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sahuarita, Arizona
2. July 31, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Rio Rico, Arizona

Requests to speak at a public scoping meeting(s) should be received by Mrs. Ellen Russell at the address indicated below on or before July 26, 2001. Requests to speak may also be made at the time of registration for the scoping meeting(s). However, persons who submitted advance requests to speak will be given priority if time should be limited during the meeting.