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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed

information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: June 5, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Final Performance Report for the Business and International Education Program.

Frequency: After the completion of the project.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 30.

Burden Hours: 150.

Abstract: The data collected through the final performance report will enable ED officials to determine the impact of the Business and International Education federal funds on its recipients. US/ED will use the information collected to meet Government Performance and Results Act requirements and to provide budget justification.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

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Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-224]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Dominion Resources

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Dominion Resources, on behalf of its subsidiaries, Virginia Electric and Power Company and Dominion Energy, Inc., 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 July 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (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) 202-586-9506 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 May 16, 2000, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Dominion Resources to export electric energy to Canada on behalf of two of its operating subsidiaries, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") and Dominion Energy Inc. ("Dominion Energy"). Dominion Resources requests DOE to renew Virginia Power's existing export authorization granted by DOE on July 16, 1998, (Order No. EA-180) and to grant new export authority to Dominion Energy to sell electric energy to Canada.

Virginia Power owns generation, transmission and distribution facilities in Virginia and North Carolina and has a franchised service area. Dominion Energy, an independent producer of power operating in five U.S. States, has no franchised service territory.

Virginia Power and Dominion Energy propose to export electric energy to Canada using the existing international electric transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Joint Owners of Highgate,

Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Minnesota Power and Light, Minnkota Power, 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, 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 Dominion Resources application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-224. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael C. Regulinski, Esq., Virginia Electric and Power Co., 1 James River Plaza, 701 East Carey Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 and James H. McGrew, Esq., Bruder, Gentile & Marcoux, LLP., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 510 East, Washington, D.C. 20005-3934.

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

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Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications for Cooperative Research and Development for Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engines

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving applications for federal assistance for research and development of Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engines. Development, subsystem testing, and demonstration of optimized and fully integrated components for advanced natural gas engines must be performed.

DATES: The solicitation document is available on the Internet. The due date for applications is July 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation is available on the Internet by accessing the DOE Chicago Operations Office Acquisition and Assistance Group home page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/acq.html> under the heading "Current Solicitations", Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00CH11029. Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00CH11029 must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Communications Center, Building 201, Room 168, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, Attn: Nadine S. Kijak, Acquisition and Assistance Group.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadine S. Kijak at 630/252-2508, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Group, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, by facsimile at 630/252-5045, or by electronic mail at nadine.kijak@ch.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For purposes of this solicitation, an Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine is a new or upgraded internal combustion reciprocating piston engine that deploys one or more technologies that partially or totally accomplish the following goals for higher energy efficiency (ultimate program target goal of 50%), lower emissions (NO_x less than .1g/hp-hr), and increased competitiveness. The fully-developed, demonstrated Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine would accomplish the following objectives:

1. Improve the performance of Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engines. Potential benefits to energy consumers include: (1) Decreased energy consumption and emissions; (2) increased manufacturing process efficiencies; (3) enhanced U.S. industrial competitiveness; (4) decreased reliance on strategic materials; and (5) reduced operational and maintenance costs. Other projected benefits may include longer operating time before maintenance and overhaul, utilization of waste fuels, *etc.*

2. Transition the technology to back-up fuels as well as alternative biomass-derived fuels, while achieving a substantial reduction in oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions for these fuels, and decrease in energy consumption.

3. Demonstrate the durability for up to 8000 hours while otherwise maintaining reliability, availability, and maintainability of the Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engine and its component subsystems.

4. Incur no negative impacts on the performance of gas engines including efficiency, fuel flexibility, cost of power, and reliability and maintainability.

5. Encourage adoption and use of energy-efficient, cost-effective natural gas engines by the distributed generation markets.

The Scope of Work covers applied research and pre-commercial demonstration in five work areas as described below as Tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. In addition to these tasks, the Scope of Work includes Subtasks A and B. Subtask A will require the Participant to provide a report covering the potential technical market and technical/economic barriers. Subtask B will require the Participant to provide a commercialization plan for Advanced Natural Gas Reciprocating Engines.

The tasks represent an increasing progression of maturation stages for technology development. Task 1 involves component development and testing; Task 2 involves system development and testing; Task 3 involves engine integration and preparation; Task 4 involves engine system fabrication and proof test, and Task 5 involves pre-commercial demonstration. Depending on current maturation of proposed technologies, the work may start at any task if prior work has been performed that would satisfy completion or sufficient progress of the previous task(s). Applications may address any combination or portions of the tasks.

The ultimate maturation of technologies will be reached upon the attainment of the solicitation objectives