

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by email to Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On February 22, 2007 the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-294-A, which authorized TexMex to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority expired on February 22, 2012. On July 23, 2012, TexMex filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-294-A for an additional five-year term.

It is reasonable to presume that all of the electric energy that TexMex proposes to export to Mexico will be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by TexMex have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the TexMex application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-294-B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Guillermo Gonzalez G., c/o Protama S.A. de C.V., Tonalá 44, Col. Roma, Mexico D.F., Mexico 06700 and Douglas F. John and Matthew T. Rick, John & Hengerer, 1730 Rhode Island Ave. NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036. A

final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse 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, by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845> or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 14, 2012.

Jon Worthington,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-328-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; RBC Energy Services LP

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: RBC Energy Services LP (RBC Energy) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before September 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

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sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 26, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-328 authorizing RBC Energy to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term. The current export authority in Order No. EA-328 will expire on September 26, 2012. On July 26, 2012, RBC Energy filed an application with DOE for renewal of that authority for an additional five-year term.

In its application, RBC Energy states that neither it nor its affiliates "owns, operates or controls any electric power transmission or distribution facilities in the United States." RBC Energy states and it is reasonable to presume, that the electric power proposed to be exported to Canada will be purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements and will be surplus to the system needs of the entities selling the power to RBC Energy. The application also indicates that RBC Energy is a power marketer authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to sell energy, capacity, and specified ancillary services at market-based rates.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by RBC Energy have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

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Comments on the RBC Energy application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 328-A. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Matthew S. Arnold, Senior Counsel, Royal Bank of Canada, 200 Bay Street, 14th Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J5 and with

Elizabeth Jordan, Vice President, Compliance, RBC Capital Markets, 200 Bay Street, 9th Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J5. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

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Jon Worthington,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, September 6, 2012, 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Bradburne, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, (740) 897-3822, Joel.Bradburne@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda

- Approval of July Minutes
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments
- Federal Coordinator's Comments
- Liaisons' Comments
- Presentations
- Administrative Issues
- Subcommittee Updates
- Public Comments
- Final Comments from the Board
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joel Bradburne at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Joel Bradburne at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Joel Bradburne at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.ports-sab.energy.gov/>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 15, 2012.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting (Webinar).

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting (Webinar) of the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical

Advisory Committee (HTAC). The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 requires that agencies publish notice of meetings in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 5, 2012; 12 p.m.–2 p.m. To be provided the Webinar's registration information, please email: HTAC@nrel.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: email to: HTAC@nrel.gov or at the mailing address: Jason Marcinkoski, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Committee:* The Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee (HTAC) was established under Section 807 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), Public Law 109-58; 119 Stat. 849, to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on the program and activities authorized by Title VIII of EPACT.

Tentative Agenda: (Subject to change; updates will be posted on the Committee's Web site at: <http://hydrogen.energy.gov/>).

- Public Comment (10 minutes)
- Discussion of Hydrogen Production Expert Panel report

• Consultation in establishing the criteria for the H-Prize competition, as required by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, in Sec. 654.

Public Participation: In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the meeting of HTAC and to make oral statements during the specified period for public comment. The public comment period will take place between 12 p.m. and 12:10 p.m. on September 5, 2012. To attend the meeting and/or to make oral statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, please email HTAC@nrel.gov at least 5 business days before the meeting. Please indicate if you will be attending the meeting, whether you want to make an oral statement, and what organization you represent (if appropriate). Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up for the public comment period. Oral comments should be limited to two minutes in length. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The chair of the committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties and to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the committee, you may do so either by submitting a