

(formally Detroit Edison 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 Allegheny, 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 Allegheny application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-237. Comments on the Allegheny application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-238. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Daniel L. Gordon, President, Allegheny Energy Global Markets, LLC, 2 World Financial Center, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10080 and Patricia J. Clark, Esq., Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC, 4350 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA 15146.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions 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 "Regulatory", then "Electricity", then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-235]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Semptra Energy Resources

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Semptra Energy Resources (SER) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 31, 2001.

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: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 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 March 28, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from SER to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico. In a related proceeding currently before DOE (FE Docket PP-235), SER has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission facility between San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E's) Imperial Valley Substation in Imperial County, California, and the Termoeléctrica de Mexicali (TDM) powerplant SER proposes to construct in the vicinity of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. The electric energy SER proposes to export to Mexico would be for the purpose of providing "black start" capability to the TDM powerplant and for providing ancillary equipment power when the facility's electrical generating equipment is not in

operation. Exports from the United States to the TDM plant for "black start" purposes are expected to occur routinely, such as during weekend plant shutdowns, with a maximum of 12 MW to be exported.

The electric energy SER proposes to export to Mexico would be obtained from its own generation sources or from power purchase agreements and delivered to SDG&E's Imperial Valley Substation using the existing domestic transmission system. The exported electricity would be transmitted to Mexico over the facilities proposed in FE Docket PP-235.

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Comments on the SER application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-235. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Alberto Abreu, Director, Permitting and Licensing, Semptra Energy Resources, 101 Ash Street, P.O. Box 1831, San Diego, CA 92112-4150.

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

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