

owned and operated by both Montana Alberta Tie and MATL. MATL, which is a U.S. entity organized under the laws of the state of Montana, will own and operate the transmission facilities on the U.S. side the border, and Montana Alberta Tie, which is a Canadian entity, will remain the owner and operator of the portion of the facilities in Canada.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person may comment on this application by filing such comment at the address provided above. Any person seeking to become a party to this proceeding must file a motion to intervene at the address provided above in accordance with Rule 214 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Two copies of each comment or motion to intervene should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such motions to intervene also should be filed directly with: Stacy Myers, Senior Legal Counsel, Green Power Transmission, Enbridge Energy Company, Inc., 1100 Louisiana St., Suite 2500, Houston, TX 77002 AND Travis Allen, Senior Regulatory Analyst, Green Power Transmission, Enbridge Energy Company, Inc., 1100 Louisiana St., Suite 2500, Houston, TX 77002.

Before a Presidential permit may be granted or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (i.e., granting the Presidential permit or amendment, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrences of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded electronically at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/international-electricity-regulation-2>. Upon reaching the home page, select "Pending Applications."

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-398]

### Application for Presidential Permit; Great Northern Transmission Line

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the United States border with Canada.

**DATES:** Comments or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before June 13, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or motions to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260 or via electronic mail at [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), Katherine Konieczny (Program Attorney) at 202-586-0503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On April 15, 2014, Minnesota Power filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. Minnesota Power has its principal place of business in Duluth, Minnesota. Minnesota Power is an investor-owned utility and provides retail electric service to 144,000 customers and wholesale electric service to 16 municipalities and several industrial customers.

Minnesota Power proposes to construct and operate the Great Northern Transmission Line (GNTL), a 500 kilovolt (kV) overhead alternating current (AC) electric transmission line that would originate at the Dorsey Substation northwest of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and terminate at the existing Blackberry Substation east of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The proposed GNTL facilities would be capable of

transmitting up to 750 megawatts (MW) of power.

The Minnesota portion of the proposed Great Northern Transmission Line (GNTL) would cross the U.S.-Canada border northwest of the town of Roseau, Minnesota, and would run 220 miles before terminating at the Blackberry Substation.

As proposed, GNTL is a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) electric transmission line with an expected power transfer rating of at least 750 MW. The northern terminal would be at the Dorsey Substation located 10 miles northwest of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The southern terminal would be at the existing Blackberry 230/115 kV Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The Blackberry Substation would be expanded to include the 500 kV Substation to accommodate the 500 kV GNTL, 500/230 kV transformation, existing 230 kV lines and all associated equipment.

In its application, Minnesota Power identified two routing options, the Orange Route and the Blue Route, for the GNTL. In addition, Minnesota Power also presented several segment options. Each route option would run for approximately 220 miles within the United States. Minnesota Power has entered into a 250 MW Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) as well as an additional 133 MW Renewable Optimization Agreement with Manitoba Hydro.

Since the restructuring of the electric industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the Federal Power Act and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order No. 888 (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, DOE invites comments on whether it would be appropriate to condition any

Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person may comment on this application by filing such comment at the address provided above. Any person seeking to become a party to this proceeding must file a motion to intervene at the address provided above in accordance with Rule 214 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Two copies of each comment or motion to intervene should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such motions to intervene also should be filed directly with: David Moeller, Senior Attorney, Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802, [dmoeller@allete.com](mailto:dmoeller@allete.com) AND Mike Donahue, Project Manager, Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802, [mdonahue@allete.com](mailto:mdonahue@allete.com) AND Jim Atkinson, Environmental Manager, Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802, [jbatkinson@allete.com](mailto:jbatkinson@allete.com).

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action is in the public interest. In making that determination, DOE considers the environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, determines the project's impact on electric reliability by ascertaining whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions, and any other factors that DOE may also consider relevant to the public interest. Also, DOE must obtain the concurrences of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

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/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/international-electricity-regulation-2>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD14-5-000]

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No. RD14-5-000 on a proposed collection of information that the Commission is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 14, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed information collection in Docket No. RD14-5-000 relates to the proposed Reliability Standards MOD-032-1 (Data for Power System Modeling and Analysis) and MOD-033-1 (Steady-State and Dynamics System Model Validation), developed by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), and submitted to the Commission for approval. NERC's petition related to the proposed Reliability Standards MOD-032-1 and MOD-033-1 was approved on May 1, 2014, pursuant to the relevant authority delegated to the Director, Office of Electric Reliability under 18 CFR 375.303.

Reliability Standard MOD-032-1 consolidates NERC-approved Reliability Standards MOD-011-0, MOD-013-1 and MOD-014-0, as well as, Commission approved Reliability Standards MOD-010-0 and MOD-012-0, into one standard.<sup>1</sup> Reliability Standard MOD-032-1 requires data submission by applicable data owners to their respective transmission planners and planning coordinators to support the interconnection model building process in their interconnection. Reliability Standard MOD-033-1 is a new standard that requires each planning coordinator to implement a documented process to perform model validation within its planning area. The purpose of the Reliability Standards is to establish comprehensive modeling data requirements, reporting procedures, and validation requirements necessary to accurately model the interconnected transmission system for the near-term transmission planning horizon and the long-term transmission planning horizon.

**Burden Statement:** The number of respondents is based on the NERC Registry as of April 30, 2014. Public reporting burden for this proposed collection is estimated as:

<sup>1</sup> In Order No. 693, the Commission approved Reliability Standards MOD-010 and MOD-012. Regarding Reliability Standards MOD-011, MOD-013, MOD-014, and MOD-015, the Commission in

Order No. 693 did not approve or remand the standards, pending the receipt of additional information. *Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System*, Order No. 693, 72 FR 16416

(Apr. 4, 2007), at PP 1131-1222, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 693-A, 120 FERC ¶ 61,053 (2007).