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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice; Meeting

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting for the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, March 9, 2005, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

PLACE: National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Building 101, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8900.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. There is no fee to attend, but, due to security requirements, advance registration is required. Registration information is available at: https://rproxy.nist.gov/CRS/conf_ext.cfm?conf_id=1392. Please make sure you provide special needs in the space allotted on the registration form. Also, on the form, leave the amount due at \$0.

Note: Advance registration closes March 2, 2005.

SUMMARY: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (the "Development Committee") has scheduled a plenary meeting for March 9, 2005. The Committee was established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15361, to act in the public interest to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission in the development of the voluntary voting system guidelines. The Development Committee held its first meeting on July 9th, 2004 and its second meeting on January 18 and 19, 2005. The purpose of the third meeting of the Committee will be to review and approve progress on technical work tasks defined in resolutions adopted at the January plenary meeting and to consider further resolutions if proposed. The Committee's adopted resolutions are available for public review at: <http://www.vote.nist.gov/Official%20work%20signature.doc>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee held their first plenary meeting for July 9, 2004. At this meeting, the Development Committee agreed to a resolution forming three working groups: (1) Human Factors & Privacy; (2) Security & Transparency;

and (3) Core Requirements & Testing to gather information and public input on relevant issues. The information gathered by the working groups was analyzed at the second meeting of the Development Committee January 18 & 19, 2005. Thirty-one resolutions were adopted by the TGDC at the January plenary session. The resolutions defined technical work tasks for NIST that will assist the TGDC in developing recommendations for voluntary voting system guidelines. The guidelines are due to the Election Assistance Commission in April 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Eustis 301-975-5099. If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the contact person indicated above, or to voting@nist.gov.

Gracia M. Hillman,

Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-299]

Application for Presidential Permit; Sea Breeze Pacific Regional Transmission System, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Sea Breeze Pacific Regional Transmission System, Inc., (Sea Breeze) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a 150,000-volt (150-kV), direct current transmission line across the U.S. border with Canada.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Fossil Energy (FE-27), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-297-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jerry Pell (Program Office) at 202-586-3362, or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) at 202-586-2793.

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 December 20, 2004, Sea Breeze filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit for the construction of a 150-kV electric transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Canadian border. Sea Breeze is a British Columbia corporation with its principal place of business in Vancouver, British Columbia. Although Sea Breeze is the sole applicant for a Presidential permit, Sea Breeze is a joint venture between Sea Breeze Power Corporation, a publicly traded Canadian corporation, and Boundless Energy, LLC, a limited liability company of the State of Maine.

Sea Breeze proposes to develop a direct current transmission interconnection between Canada and the United States utilizing High Voltage Direct Current Light technology. The project would originate on Vancouver Island in the vicinity of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, cross the Strait of Juan de Fuca via submarine cable, and proceed via terrestrial underground cable to a converter station to be constructed at a substation located in Port Angeles, Washington, and owned by Bonneville Power Administration. The converter station would convert the direct current back to alternating current.

The entire length of the proposed transmission facilities would be 22 miles, consisting of 1½ miles of land-based underground cable in Canada, 19 miles of submarine cable crossing the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and 1½ miles of land-based underground cable inside the United States. The project is intended to transmit up to 550 megawatts of power in either direction between the two countries.

Since the restructuring of the electric power 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 authorization granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities constructed pursuant to Presidential permits to provide access across the border in accordance with the

principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulation Commission Order No. 888, as amended (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities). In furtherance of this policy, DOE intends to condition any Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protest also should be filed directly with Tony Duggleby, Chief Executive Officer, Sea Breeze Pacific Regional Transmission System, Inc., Lobby Box 91, Suite 1400, 333 Seymour Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6B 5A6 and with either John G. Osborn or Gordon F. Grimes at Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, 100 Middle Street, P.O. Box 9729, Portland, ME 04104-5029.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the 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, with any conditions and limitations, or denying it) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). 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.

The NEPA compliance process is a cooperative non-adversarial process involving members of the public, state governments, Tribal governments, and the Federal government. The process affords all persons interested in or potentially affected by the environmental consequences of a proposed action an opportunity to present their views, which will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documentation for the proposed action. Intervening and becoming a party to this proceeding will not create any special status for the petitioner with regard to the NEPA

process. Notices of forthcoming NEPA activities and information on how to participate in those activities will appear in the **Federal Register**.

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 viewed on, or downloaded from, the Office of Fossil Energy Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/ElectricityRegulation>. Select "Pending Proceedings" from the options menu.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 14, 2005.

Anthony J. Como,

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation,
Office of Fossil Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER05-365-000]

Elk River Windfarm LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 11, 2005.

Elk River Windfarm LLC (Elk River) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying tariff. The proposed tariff provides for wholesale sales of energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates. Elk River also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Elk River requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Elk River.

On February 10, 2005, the Commission granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of issuances of securities or assumptions of liability by Elk River should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. 18 CFR 385.211, 385.214 (2004).

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing motions to intervene or protest, is March 14, 2005.

Absent a request to be heard in opposition by the deadline above, Elk River is authorized to issue securities and assume obligations or liabilities as

a guarantor, indorser, surety, or otherwise in respect of any security of another person; provided that such issuance or assumption is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of Elk River, compatible with the public interest, and is reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes.

The Commission reserves the right to require a further showing that neither public nor private interests will be adversely affected by continued approval of Elk River's issuances of securities or assumptions of liability.

Copies of the full text of the Commission's Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The Order may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER05-332-000]

Klondike Wind Power II, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Order

February 11, 2005.

Klondike Wind Power II LLC (Klondike II) filed an application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying tariff. The proposed tariff provides for wholesale sales of energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates. Klondike II also requested waiver of various Commission regulations. In particular, Klondike requested that the Commission grant blanket approval under 18 CFR part 34 of all future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability by Klondike II.

On February 10, 2005, the Commission granted the request for blanket approval under part 34, subject to the following:

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest the blanket approval of