

and Swiss Bank Corporation, is a power marketer that does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities nor does it have any franchised service territory in the United States.

In FE Docket No. EA-261-A, UBS proposes to export electric energy to Mexico and to arrange for the delivery of those exports to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE), the national electric utility of Mexico.

In FE Docket No. EA-263-A, UBS proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission 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 UBS, 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 these proceedings or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications 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 dates listed above.

Comments on the UBS applications to export electric energy to Mexico and/or Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-261-A and/or Docket EA-263-A, respectively. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Andrea M. Settanni, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., 2000 K Street, NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006-1872 AND Suzanne Calcagno, Director, Regulatory Compliance, UBS Energy LLC, 677 Washington Blvd., 8th Floor, Stamford, CT 06901.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. PP-234 & PP-235]

Notice Extending Comment Period and Rescheduling Public Hearings on the Draft EIS for the Imperial-Mexicali 230-kV Transmission Lines; Baja California Power, Inc. and Sempra Energy Resources

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a cooperating agency, announces the extension of the public comment period for the "Imperial-Mexicali 230-kV Transmission Lines Draft Environmental Impact Statement" (DOE/EIS-0365). In addition, the public hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS, originally scheduled for June 17, 2004, have been rescheduled for July 14, 2004.

DATES: The comment period on the Draft EIS is extended until July 30, 2004.

Dates for the public hearings are:

1. July 14, 2004, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., El Centro, California.
2. July 14, 2004, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Calexico, California.

ADDRESSES: Requests to speak at the public hearings should be addressed to: Mrs. Ellen Russell, Office of Fossil Energy (FE-27), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, or transmitted by phone: 202-586-9624, by facsimile: 202-287-5736, or by electronic mail at Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov.

The locations of the public hearings are:

1. El Centro City Hall, 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, California.
2. Calexico City Hall, 608 Heber Street, Calexico, California.

Printed copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Russell

through one of the means provided above. The Draft EIS is also available at the offices of the Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South Fourth Street, El Centro, CA 92243, (telephone 760-337-4400), and on the Internet at <http://web.ead.anl.gov/bajatermoeis> and <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa>, under "What's New."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts of DOE's proposed Federal actions of issuing Presidential permits to either Baja California Power, Inc. or Sempra Energy Resources (also known as InterGen and Sempra, respectively), or to both, for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of two double-circuit, 230,000-volt electric transmission lines that would cross the United States international border in the vicinity of Calexico, California, and connect to separate natural gas-fired electric power plants that have been constructed in Mexico. BLM's proposed Federal actions are the issuance of right-of-way grants to allow the transmission lines to cross Federal lands within BLM's management responsibility.

On May 11, 2004, DOE published a notice in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 26089) announcing the availability of the Draft EIS and a schedule for public hearings. The Environmental Protection Agency published its notice of availability of the Draft EIS (EPA Document No. 040222) on May 14, 2004 (69 FR 26817) that began a 45-day comment period which was to end on June 30, 2004. However, at the request of the Border Power Plant Working Group, DOE is extending the comment period until July 30, 2004. In addition, the public hearings originally scheduled for June 17, 2004, have been rescheduled to July 14, 2004. Further information on this proceeding is contained in the DOE Notice of Availability previously referenced.

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