

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**[OE Docket No. EA-281-A]****Application To Export Electric Energy; Manitoba Hydro****AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Manitoba Hydro, a Canadian Crown Corporation, 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.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

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 November 17, 2003, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-281 authorizing Manitoba Hydro to export electric energy from the United States to Canada. That two-year authorization will expire on November 17, 2005. On September 2, 2005, Manitoba Hydro applied to DOE to renew its authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada for a five (5) year period.

In OE Docket No. EA-281-A, Manitoba Hydro proposes to purchase electric energy in Canada and wheel that energy through transmission facilities in the United States and return it to Canada using certain transmission facilities located at the U.S. border with Canada. In addition, Manitoba Hydro proposes to purchase electric energy from generators, power marketers, or federal power marketing agencies in the U.S. and export that energy to Canada. Manitoba Hydro will arrange for the delivery of exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Booneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission

Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company and Vermont Electric Transmission Co.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Manitoba Hydro 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 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 dates listed above.

Comments on the Manitoba Hydro application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-281-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with K. Jennifer Moroz, Barrister & Solicitor, Legal Department, Manitoba Hydro, 820 Taylor Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3M 3T1 AND David Martin /Connolly, Bruder, Gentile & Marcoux, L.L.P., 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006-5805.

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, 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 program's Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Proposed Procedures for Distribution of Remaining Crude Oil Overcharge Refunds**

AGENCY: Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of proposed procedures for distribution of remaining crude oil overcharge refunds and opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: In a May 21, 2004 Notice, the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) announced procedures for making one final round of refund payments in this proceeding. However, there is ongoing litigation that could affect the amount of crude oil monies available for distribution, thus making it unworkable at this point to have a single, last round of payments that would exhaust the remaining crude oil refund monies. We instead propose here to issue partial refunds amounting to approximately 90% of the money due each eligible claimant.

DATES: Comments must be filed in duplicate within 30 days of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Crude Oil Refund Proceeding, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585-1615, and submitted electronically to steven.goering@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Goering, Staff Attorney, or Richard Cronin, Assistant Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy; telephone: 202-287-1449, e-mail: steven.goering@hq.doe.gov, richard.cronin@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OHA published a Notice of final procedures for final crude oil refunds in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2004. 69 FR 29300. In the May 21 notice, we explained that we would be sending notice to all claimants (or their representatives of record) who purchased more than 280,000 gallons of eligible petroleum products during the relevant period. We also stated that claimants would be required, no later than December 31, 2004, to submit verification of the information in our database. Shortly after issuing the May 21 Notice, we sent notice to claimants and received 30,873 timely submissions.

In the May 21 notice, we set forth a plan to make one final round of refund payments, with the intent "to distribute all of the reserved funds to claimants