

January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on November 29, 2000., you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Sublevels with the aggregate:	
300/301	11,065,911 kilograms.
338/339/638/639	2,314,339 dozen.
350	246,015 dozen.
363	35,405,752 numbers.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Steinkamp,
Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Proposed Amendment to the Delaware River Basin Commission's Water Code and Comprehensive Plan To Establish Water Usage Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: Delaware River Basin Commission.

SUMMARY: The Delaware River Basin Commission ("Commission") will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to its Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to establish water usage reporting requirements for source water withdrawals and water service. The Commission established source metering, recording, and reporting requirements in 1986 for withdrawals of surface or ground water in excess of an average of 100,000 gallons per day over a 30-day period, but it did not specify the types of information to be reported. The Commission established service metering and recording requirements in 1987 for purveyors meeting the same volume threshold, but it did not require them to report service by use category. Thus, key pieces of information are missing and reported data are inconsistent among the states, impeding the Commission's ability to perform critical water use analyses. The Commission now proposes to amend its regulations to institute reporting requirements that ensure it has the

source and service information needed to evaluate how and where water is being used in the basin. Much of the data proposed to be collected already are being collected by the states. The proposed amendment addresses the existing data gaps and will greatly facilitate the Commission's water use evaluations.

The existing regulations (DRBC Water Code Sections 2.50.1 and 2.50.2), the proposed amendment (proposed Water Code Section 2.50.3), and supplemental information are posted on the Delaware River Basin Commission web site at <http://www.drbc.net>.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 during the Commission's regular business meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and continue until all those present who wish to testify are afforded an opportunity to do so. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing are asked to register in advance with the Commission Secretary.

The deadline for submission of written comments will be December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Sykes Student Union, Rosedale Avenue, West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania. Directions to that location will be posted on the Commission's web site, <http://www.drbc.net>, in December 2000. Written comments should be submitted to Pamela M. Bush, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact Esther Siskind at 609-883-9500 ext. 202 with questions about the proposed amendment, and Pamela M. Bush at ext. 203 with questions about the rulemaking process.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Pamela M. Bush,
Commission Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(Docket No. EA-191-A)

Application to Export Electric Energy; Semptra Energy Trading Corp.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Semptra Energy Trading Corp. (SET) has applied for renewal of 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 December 29, 2000.

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: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 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 10, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-191 authorizing SET to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Co., Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization expired on November 10, 2000.

On October 30, 2000, SET filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the authorization be granted for a five-year term and that the international transmission lines owned by Long Sault, Inc. be added to the list of authorized export points.

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 SET request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-191-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael A. Goldstein, Esq., Senior

Vice President & General Counsel, Sempra Energy Trading Corp., 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, CT 06902.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order No. EA-191. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-191 proceeding.

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," from the Regulatory Info menu, and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC., on November 21, 2000.

Anthony Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Solicitation

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of availability of solicitation—biobased products industry education initiative.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Industrial Technologies, is seeking applications from private and public institutions of higher learning to promote multidisciplinary education and training programs for graduate students at the Masters or Ph.D. levels in the area of biobased products.

The emerging biobased products industry uses crops, trees, residues, and wastes to make chemicals and a large range of everyday consumer goods, like plastics, paints and adhesives. Contributions to this new industry would come from a wide range of traditional academic programs including: biology, molecular and micro-biology, genomics, plant physiology, fermentation sciences, agronomy, crop production, forestry, chemistry, chemical engineering and other engineering disciplines, and polymer and material science. These

examples are cited for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to limit the academic programs to just those listed. This solicitation seeks to encourage the widest possible range of creative approaches.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 p.m. MDT January 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted to: Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, Attention: Marshall Garr [DE-PS07-00ID13962], 850 Energy Drive, MS 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marshall Garr, Contract Specialist, at garrmc@id.doe.gov, telephone (208) 526-1536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of this new education initiative is to produce graduates who can enter the complex biobased products industry and effectively integrate knowledge from the wide range of technologies that are necessary for this industry to grow. U.S. universities and colleges are encouraged to design a comprehensive, multidisciplinary curriculum to achieve such a goal from an educational perspective and simultaneously allow the student to gain a hands-on experience through the implementation of an individual relevant research program. It is expected that the student, under the major professor's tutelage will conduct a research program that will make substantive contributions to the biobased products industry. It is encouraged for the students to interact with industry in their academic and research program.

Graduates will eventually be expected to contribute to improving the efficient utilization of energy in this new industry and enhancing the environmental quality of the surrounding land, air and water.

The statutory authority for this program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research & Development Act of 1974 (Pub L. 93-577). DOE anticipates approximately 4-5 grant awards will be made for up to \$125,000 each a year for a maximum of three years in duration. These grants will cover both the costs for establishing a new cross-cutting academic and research program in this field as well as full stipends for 2 or so deserving graduate students at the Masters or Ph.D. level. The awards will be used for the academic year starting in the fall of 2001.

The issuance date of Solicitation No. DE-PS07-01ID14037 will be November 27, 2000. The solicitation will be

available in full text via the Internet at the following address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/psd/proc-div.html>. Technical and non-technical questions should be submitted in writing to Marshall Garr by e-mail garrmc@id.doe.gov, or facsimile at 208-526-5548 no later than December 12, 2000.

Issued in Idaho Falls on November 21, 2000.

R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Idaho Operations Office; Supporting Industries

AGENCY: Idaho Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of availability of financial assistance solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office (ID) is seeking applications for cost-shared research and development of technologies which will reduce energy consumption, reduce environmental impacts and enhance economic competitiveness of two or more of the following Industry of the Future Sectors: Aluminum, Steel, Forest Products, Glass, Agriculture, Chemicals, Metal Casting, Mining, and Petroleum Refining. The research is to address research priorities identified in Technology Roadmaps developed for the following Supporting Industries: Heat Treating, Forging, Welding, Industrial Process Heating and Advanced Ceramics.

DATES: The issuance date of Solicitation Number DE-PS07-01ID14026 will be on or about November 20, 2000. The deadline for receipt of applications will be approximately on February 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The solicitation in its full text will be available on the Internet at the following URL address: <http://www.id.doe.gov/doiid/PSD/proc-div.html> or <http://e-center.doe.gov>. Applications should be submitted to: Seb Klein, Procurement Services Division, U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, Mail Stop 1221, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seb Klein, Contract Specialist, kleinsm@id.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The statutory authority for the program is the Federal Non-Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974