

5. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Group of Advisors to the National Security Education Board Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Strategy and Requirements.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Group of Advisors to the National Security Education Board. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations to the Board concerning requirements established by the David L. Boren National Security Education Act, Title VIII of Public Law 102-183, as amended.

DATES: April 23 and 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Oregon State University, International Programs Office, Snell Hall 400, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-1642.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edmond J. Collier, Deputy Director, National Security Education Program, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1210, Rosslyn P.O. Box 20010, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2248; (703) 696-1991. Electronic mail address: collier@osd.pentagon.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Group of Advisors meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Application for Presidential Permit, Imperial Irrigation District

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Imperial Irrigation District (IID), an instrumentality of the State of California, has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, connect, operate and maintain a new electric transmission facility across the U.S. border with Mexico.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, connection, operation, and maintenance 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 February 17, 1998, IID filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. IID proposes to expand its existing Bravo Substation in the vicinity of Calexico, California, by 5,825 square feet and to construct either 2,100 feet (Option 1) or 200 feet (Option 2) of 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the enlarged substation to the U.S. border with Mexico.

Under Option 1, IID would construct approximately 2,100 feet of new 230-kV transmission line from the expanded Bravo Substation to the U.S. border with Mexico. Construction would occur within the right-of-way of IID's All American Canal and would require placing six to eight transmission support structures within the All American Canal right-of-way. Under Option 2, IID would construct approximately 200 feet of new 230-kV transmission line from the expanded Bravo Substation due south, crossing Anza Road (a rural road) 60 feet north

of the international border. This option would not require the placing of any transmission support structures within the U.S.

IID proposes to enter into a contract with Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE), the national electric utility of Mexico, to provide electrical services including energy, transmission, and ancillary services to CFE's Aeropuerto Substation load. The electric energy IID proposes to transmit to CFE would be provided from the IID system resources or from energy purchased by IID from other generation sources within the U.S. In providing these services, IID may acquire and take title to energy and sell such acquired energy to CFE. Alternatively, IID may also transmit energy for CFE that CFE acquires directly from a third party.

As IID is an instrumentality of the State of California, it is not jurisdictional to Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) and, therefore, not required to obtain an electricity export authorization prior to commencing exports to CFE. However, other non-governmental entities providing direct sales of electric energy to CFE using the facilities proposed by IID will require an electricity export authorization from FE.

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 authorizations 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 Regulatory Commission Order Nos. 888 and 888-A (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access