

*Title:* Notice Inviting Proposals for Experimental Sites.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

*Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 50.

Burden Hours: 250.

*Abstract:* With this notice, the Secretary invites proposals to reinvent the administration of Federal student assistance programs through the use of the experimental sites authority (Section 487A(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). The program is intended to encourage institutions to develop innovative strategies to improve Title IV program administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-179]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; California Power Exchange Corp.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**AGENCY:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** California Power Exchange Corporation (PX), a non-profit public benefit corporation formed under California law, has submitted an application for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before May 14, 1998.

**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:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

**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 March 26, 1998, PX applied to the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. The newly structured corporation does not own or control any

electric generation or transmission facilities, nor does it have a franchised service area. The applicant claims that its purpose is to provide an efficient, competitive energy auction on a non-discriminatory basis to suppliers ("PX sellers") and purchasers ("PX buyers"). The PX will manage the trading of power in the day ahead and hour ahead markets based on demand bids from PX buyers and generation bids from PX sellers. Based on these bids, the PX will determine market clearing prices for each of the hours of the 24 hour scheduling day, then conduct auctions under which PX sellers will sell power through the PX and PX buyers will purchase power through the PX. PX sellers and PX buyers will not contract directly with one another but with the PX. A portion of the power that is purchased through the PX will be purchased by the Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico.

The PX indicates that it controls the sale of the power to be exported. It will be the entity that will determine the quantity of power to be sold, to whom the power is to be sold (including sales to Mexico), and the price of such power to be sold. The PX members will not know the identity of the purchaser, but only the price that the PX sellers receive for the sale of their power.

Transmission of the electric energy to be exported to Mexico will be scheduled by the PX and coordinated with the California Independent System Operator. Electric energy will be transmitted to Mexico using the international transmission facilities of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E). SDG&E's international transmission facilities, as more fully described in the application, have been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

#### Procedural Matters

Any persons 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 such petitions, comments and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Dennis Loughridge, Chief Executive Officer, California Power Exchange Corp., 1000 South Fremont, A9W-5th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803 AND Edwin F. Feo, Milbank, Tweed,

Hadley & McCloy, 601 South Figueroa, Suite 3000, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 8, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, April 28, 1998: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Pantex Plant, Building 1612, Amarillo, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry S. Johnson, Assistant Area Manager, Department of Energy, Amarillo Area Office, P.O. Box 30030, Amarillo, TX 79120 (806) 477-3121.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Committee:* The Board provides input to the Department of Energy on Environmental Management strategic decisions that impact future use, risk management, economic development, and budget prioritization activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

1:00 p.m. Welcome—Agenda Review—Approval of Minutes  
 1:15 p.m. Co-Chair Comments  
 1:20 p.m. Facilitator's Presentation on Hanford Citizens' Advisory Board Visit  
 1:45 p.m. Updates—Occurrence Reports—DOE