

will allow state and local officials and educators to see, at one time, the full scope of their reporting (and corresponding data collection) responsibilities, and promote the Department's interest in (1) receiving essential information on how states have implemented their approved consolidated state plans and (2) promoting the Department's ability to provide assistance to states on how they may be able to use federal funds most effectively. In addition, the state consolidated performance report is intended as an initial step toward an optimal design to track indicators of program performance, including those the Department is required to develop under the Government Performance and Results Act. It is expected that reporting in future consolidated instruments will change as the U.S. Department of Education and the states develop their capacities to elicit and use accurate and reliable information for monitoring, reporting, and improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), I hereby certify that the renewal of the charter of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of Energy by law. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, pursuant to section 101-6.1029, title 41, Code of Federal Regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel at (202) 586-3279.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice on a continuing basis to the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (EIA), including:

1. Periodic reviews of the elements of EIA information collection and analysis programs and the provision of recommendations;
2. Advice on priorities of technical and methodological issues in the planning, operation, and review of EIA statistical programs;
3. Advice on matters concerning improved energy modeling and

forecasting tools, particularly regarding their functioning, relevancy, and results.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-98-F]

Application To Amend Electricity Export Authorization; Western Systems Power Pool

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Western Systems Power Pool ("WSPP") has filed an application on behalf of its members to amend its electricity export authorization issued September 5, 1996, in Order EA-98-C. The application requests that five new members of WSPP be authorized to export electricity to Canada. The application also reflects name changes for six WSPP members already authorized to export electricity.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before November 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Coal & Power, Office of Fossil Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 (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. Sec. 824a(e)).

On September 5, 1996, in Docket EA-98-C, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 42 members of the WSPP to export electric energy to Canada. On March 24, 1997, and again on May 5, 1997, FE amended the authorization issued to WSPP to add additional members. The facilities utilized for these exports are the international transmission facilities owned and operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines at Blaine,

Washington, and one 230-kV transmission line at Nelway, British Columbia, that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line, also at Nelway, connecting to West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively.

On September 11, 1998, WSPP submitted an application to amend the export authorization by adding five new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters. The new members are: Avista Energy, Inc. (Avista), El Paso Electric Company (El Paso), MIECO, Inc. (MIECO), Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC), and PP&L, Inc. In addition, the following companies currently authorized to export electric energy to Canada as part of the WSPP authorization have undergone changes in company name: (1) Citizens Power Sales, formerly Citizens Lehman Power Sales, (2) Engage Energy US, L.P., formerly Coastal Electric Service Company, (3) Koch Energy Trading, Inc., formerly Koch Power Services, Inc., (4) PanCanadian Energy Services Inc., formerly National Gas & Electric L.P., (5) Puget Sound Energy, Inc., formerly Puget Sound Power & Light Company, and (6) TransAlta Energy marketing (U.S.), Inc., formerly TransAlta Enterprises Corporation.

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 Secs. 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 and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Michael E. Small, Esq., Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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.