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Dated: April 20, 2000.

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Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: First and Second Year Annual Progress Reports for the European Community/U.S. Joint Consortia Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 20; Burden Hours: 400.

Abstract: First and Second Year Annual Progress Report Forms: The forms will enable staff to collect information that will promote better program management and allow for better communications among U.S. and European partner institutions. These forms provide the formats for a web-based collection of information from the annual reports.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional

Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708-9266 or via his internet address Joe_Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-179-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; California Power Exchange Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: California Power Exchange Corporation (CaLPX) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States 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 26, 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: Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202-586-7983 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 May 29, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized CaLPX to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico using the international electric transmission facilities of San Diego Gas and Electric Company. That two-year authorization will expire on May 29, 2000. On March 29, 2000, CaLPX filed an application with FE for renewal of

this export authority and requested that the order be issued for a 5-year term.

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 EA-179.

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-179 proceeding.

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 CaLPX application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket #EA-179-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Scott Rasmussen, General Counsel, California Power Exchange Corp., 200 South Robles Avenue, Suite 400, Pasadena, CA 91101 and Edwin F. Feo, Esq., Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 601 South Figueroa, Suite 3000, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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", then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menu.

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