

Guidelines. We will be distributing a notice to the public of the receipt of an application by the Caltrans and solicit comments on the proposed project. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared to address the additional analysis and comments received in response to the Public Notice.

Comments concerning the Caltrans' proposed project must be provided in response to the Los Angeles District Public Notice of the project application, which we anticipate, will be circulated on February 16, 2001. This Public Notice can be obtained by submitting a written request to Mr. Terry Dean at the above listed address or by accessing our Internet web page at <http://www.spl.usace.army.mil>.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

John P. Carroll,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Transfer of Federal Lands to the State of South Dakota

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations, a DEIS will be prepared to conduct a comprehensive study of the potential impacts of the transfer of Corps of Engineers lands to the State of South Dakota for fish and wildlife purposes, or recreation uses, in perpetuity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Patsy Freeman, CENWO-PM-AE, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 215 North 17th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4978, telephone at (402) 221-3803, or E-Mail patricia.l.freeman@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result of section 605 of the legislation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Public Law 106-53, August 17, 1999, as amended by WRDA 2000, Title VI—Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and State of South Dakota Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Restoration Act, the Secretary of the Army is required to transfer approximately 92,000 acres of land and

recreation areas at Lake Oahe, Lake Sharpe, Lewis & Clark Lake, and Lake Francis Case in South Dakota to the Department of Game, Fish & Parks of the State of South Dakota (SDGFP) for fish and wildlife purposes, or recreation uses, in perpetuity. These lands are located above the top of the exclusive flood pool levels of the Oahe, Big Bend, Fort Randall and Gavin's Point projects; were acquired by the Secretary for the implementation of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program; are located outside the external boundaries of a reservation of an Indian Tribe; and are located within the State of South Dakota. Section 605 also states that the following provisions of law shall apply to land transferred to the State: (1) The National Historic Preservation Act, (2) the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, and (3) the Native American Graves Protection Act and Repatriation Act.

Approximately 54 recreation areas will be transferred. WRDA 2000 requires transfer of recreation areas by January 1, 2002. The legislation also requires 42,000 acres of land to be transferred to the Department of the Interior to be held in trust for two Indian Tribes (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe). That action is categorically excluded from preparation of a NEPA document and will occur separately.

1. Because the Corps of Engineers has no discretion with respect to transfer of the land, no reasonable alternatives to the transfer of land to the State of South Dakota exist as a result of the legislation associated with the action (WRDA, Public Law 106-53). The alternatives that will be discussed are (1) the transfer of all required lands to the State of South Dakota, and (2) the No Action alternative. NEPA requires consideration of the "No Action" alternative, which in this case would be no transfer (continued management by the Corps of Engineers). Implementation of the "No Action" alternative is not within the authority of the Corps. To rescind Public Law 106-53, congressional action would be required. Since there is no agency decision-making associated with this action, the EIS is being prepared for the purposes of public disclosure.

2. Nothing in the Title VI (title) diminishes or affects (a) any water right of an Indian Tribe; (b) any other right of an Indian Tribe, except as specifically provided in another provision of the title; (c) treaty right that is in effect on the date of enactment of this Act; (d) any external boundary of an Indian reservation of an Indian Tribe; (e) any authority of the State of South Dakota that relates to the protection, regulation,

or management of fish, terrestrial wildlife, and cultural and archaeological resources, except as specifically provided in the title; or (f) any authority of the Secretary, the Secretary of the Interior, or the head of any other Federal agency under a law in effect on the date of enactment of the Act, including the National Historic Preservation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Act entitled "An Act for the protection of the bald eagle" approved June 8, 1940, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the "Clean Water Act"), the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

3. Public scoping meeting will be held on the following dates at the following locations: March 12, 2001 at 5PM at the Cedar Shore Resort, 1500 Shoreline Drive in Oacoma, SD; March 13, 2001 at the Wrangler Motor Inn, 800 West Grand Crossing in Mobridge, SD; March 14, 2001 at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 920 West Sioux Avenue in Pierre, SD; and March 15, 2001 at Dave's at the Best Western, 1607 East Hwy 50 in Yankton, SD. An Open House session will be held at 5 PM, with the formal session beginning at 7 PM.

Results from the public scoping meeting(s) with the District and Federal, State and local agency coordination will be addressed in the DEIS. Parties interested in receiving notices of public scoping meeting(s) or copies of the Scoping Document should contact Patsy Freeman at the above address.

4. Federal agencies interested in participating as a Cooperating Agency are requested to submit a letter of intent to Colonel Mark E. Tillotson, District Engineer, at the above address.

5. Estimated Date of DEIS availability: July 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-232]

Application to Export Electric Energy; OGE Energy Resources, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: OGE Energy Resources, Inc. (OERI) has applied for 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 March 23, 2001.

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: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinner (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 February 6, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from OERI to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. OERI is an Oklahoma corporation created for the purposes of marketing electricity, natural gas and other energy commodities throughout North America. OERI will purchase the power to be exported from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies in the United States.

OERI proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities Co., Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by OERI, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

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 OERI application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-232. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael J. Foster, Esq., Contract Administration, Enogex Inc., 600 Central Park Two, 515 Central Park Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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 or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 13, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. FE C&E 01-44, C&E 01-45, C&E 01-46 and C&E 01-47 and Certification Notice-196]

Office of Fossil Energy; Notice of Filings of Coal Capability of Wise County Power Company, LLC, Panda Gila River, LP, CPV Atlantic, Ltd, Partnership and Baytown Energy Center, LP Partnership Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of filing.

SUMMARY: Wise County Power Company, LLC, Panda Gila River, LP, CPV Atlantic, Ltd, Partnership, and Baytown Energy Center, LP, Partnership

submitted coal capability self-certifications pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

ADDRESSES: Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owners/operators of the proposed new baseload powerplants have filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

Owner: Wise County Power Company, LLC (C&E 01-44).

Operator: Wise County Power Company, LLC.

Location: Wise County, Texas.

Plant Configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 700 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing Entities: Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

In-service Date: January 1, 2003.

Owner: Panda Gila River, L.P. (C&E 01-45).

Operator: Panda Gila River, L.P.

Location: Gila Bend, Arizona.

Plant Configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 2300 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing Entities: To be determined.

In-service Date: March 2003.

Owner: CPV Atlantic, Ltd (C&E 01-46).

Operator: CPV Atlantic, Ltd.

Location: St. Lucie County, Florida.

Plant Configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 250 MW.