

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* Of the 1,224 estimated annual responses for Form PTO/SB/32, the USPTO expects to receive 275 responses from small entities (§ 1.9(f)) and 949 responses from others. Under 37 CFR 1.17(d), the processing fee for filing a request for an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is \$135 for small entities

and \$270 for others. Therefore, the total annual nonhour cost burden associated with this form is \$293,355.

When filing a request for deferral of examination, the applicant must pay the processing fee of \$130 indicated by 37 CFR 1.17(i) and the publication fee of \$300 indicated by 37 CFR 1.18(d). The combined filing cost of \$430 for each request results in a total annual nonhour

cost burden of \$21,500 associated with this form.

Using the professional hourly rate of \$175 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates \$42,840 per year for salary costs associated with respondents using Form PTO/SB/32, and \$1,750 per year for salary costs associated with respondents using Form PTO/SB/37.

Item	Form number	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Request for Oral Hearing Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.	POT/SB/32	12	1,224	245
Request for Deferral of Examination 37 CFR 1.103(d) .....	PTO/SB/37	12	50	10
Total .....			1,274	255

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

**Susan K. Brown,**

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division. [FR Doc. 01-4698 Filed 2-26-01; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510-16-P

**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget for review and

approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13. (44 U.S.C. chapter 35)). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Evaluation, Chuck Helfer, (202) 606-5000, extension 248. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Brenda Aguilar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-7326, within 30 days of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information to those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Type of Review:* New.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Learn and Serve America Grants in Promoting Institutionalization of Service-Learning in Grantee Institutions.

*OMB Number:* None.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Service-learning coordinators, service-learning program administrators or similar staff at schools, school districts, community-based organizations or higher education institutions that received a Learn and Serve America grant in 1994-95.

*Total Respondents:* Approximately 470 service-learning coordinators or similar staff in schools, districts, community-based organizations and higher education institutions that received Learn and Serve grants.

*Frequency:* This is a one-time survey.

*Average Time Per Response:* 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 470 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* None.

**Description:** The Corporation seeks approval of a survey to be used in evaluating the effectiveness of Learn and Serve America grants in promoting the institutionalization of service-learning in grantee institutions and the degree to which funded programs have been and are likely to be sustained after the completion of the grant period.

There are four versions of the survey: one each for K-12 district and school-based programs, one for community-based organizations, and one for higher education institutions. The versions are parallel in structure and content, with variations in the wording of specific items to address the characteristics of

each type of institution. The surveys will be administered to a sample of 470 Learn and Serve grantee and subgrantee organizations that received their initial Learn and Serve grants in 1994–95.

The study will allow the Corporation to assess the growth and institutionalization of service-learning in Learn and Serve grantee institutions, to assess the degree to which service-learning activities have been sustained after the end of Learn and Serve funding, and to assess the role of Learn and Serve America grants in promoting the growth and institutionalization of service-learning in grantee institutions. Findings from the study will help the Corporation to develop more effective strategies for supporting institutionalization of service-learning through its planning, grantmaking and technical assistance activities.

There have been two changes since the publication of the 60 day notice (**Federal Register**, November 16, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 222), Pages 69288–69290). The original plan called for the survey to be administered through a telephone interview. The current plan calls for the survey to be distributed as a paper-based, mail survey. The original plan also included short and long versions of each form. The current submission includes a single version of each form.

Dated: February 21, 2001.

**Lance D. Potter**,

*Director, Office of Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–233]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Idaho Power Company

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Idaho Power Company (IPC) has applied for 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 March 29, 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:** Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202–586–9506 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 February 12, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from IPC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico. IPC is a wholly owned subsidiary of IDACORP, Inc. IPC is incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho and is authorized to operate in Idaho, Oregon, and Nevada. The electric energy IPC proposes to export to Mexico would be purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, cogeneration facilities, and exempt wholesale generators within the United States. In addition, IPC proposes to export electric energy from power plants that it owns only if that energy is surplus to the needs of its native-load customers.

IPC proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by IPC, 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 IPC application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA–233. Additional copies are to be filed directly with James Thompson, Idaho Power Company, 1221 West Idaho Street, Boise, ID 83702 and Steven J. Ross, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, 1330 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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 (NEPA), 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, DC, on February 21, 2001.

**Anthony J. Como**,

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP–68–2]

### Application to Amend Presidential Permit San Diego Gas & Electric Company

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) has applied to amend Presidential Permit PP–68 authorizing the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of a 230-kV electric transmission line at the U.S. international border with Mexico.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 29, 2001.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection 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