

Transmission Company. That two-year authorization expired on April 6, 2001.

On March 23, 2001, AEPSC, on behalf of nine of its public utility affiliates, filed an application with FE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-200 for a term of five years and added four more of its public utility affiliates to the list of companies for which export authority is requested. The public utility affiliates for which AEPSC has applied for export authority include: Appalachian Power Company; Columbus Southern Power Company; Indiana Michigan Power Company; Kentucky Power Company; Ohio Power Company; Central Power & Light Company; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; Southwestern Electric Power Company; and West Texas Utilities Company (collectively, the "AEP Operating Companies" or the "Applicants").

The electric energy which the applicants propose to export to Canada would come from either the surplus generation of the applicants or from purchases on the wholesale market.

#### 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 AEPSC request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-200-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with, F. Mitchell Dutton, Esq., American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-2373 and John R. Lilyestrom, Esq., Hogan & Hartson, LLP, 555 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

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 No. EA-200. 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-200 proceeding.

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," from the Regulatory Info menu, and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-236]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; American Electric Power Service Corporation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** American Electric Power Service Corporation (AEPSC), on behalf of its public utility operating companies, 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 May 18, 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 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 April 5, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from AEPSC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico. This application was filed by AEPSC on behalf of its public utility affiliates, namely: Appalachian Power Company; Central Power & Light Company; Columbus Southern Power Company; Indiana Michigan Power Company; Kentucky Power Company; Ohio Power Company; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; Southwestern Electric Power

Company; and West Texas Utilities Company (collectively, the "AEP Operating Companies" or the "Applicants"). AEPSC is incorporated under the laws of the State of New York and has its principal place of business in Columbus, Ohio. The electric energy which the applicants propose to export to Mexico would be from either surplus generation of the AEP Operating Companies or from purchases on the wholesale market.

The applicants propose 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 the applicants, 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 AEPSC application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-236. Additional copies are to be filed directly with F. Mitchell Dutton, Esq., American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-2373 and John R. Lilyestrom, Esq., Hogan & Hartson, LLP, 555 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

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.

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**Anthony J. Como,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Rocky Flats Field Office; Notice of Intent to Solicit Competitive Applications/Proposals for Financial Assistance

**AGENCY:** Rocky Flats Field Office, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to solicit competitive applications/proposals for financial assistance.

**SUMMARY:** The Rocky Flats Field Office (RFFO) of the Department of Energy is entrusted to contribute to the welfare of the nation by providing the scientific foundation, technology, policy and institutional leadership necessary to achieve efficiency in energy use, diversity in energy sources, a more productive and competitive economy, improved environmental quality, and a secure national defense. RFFO intends to fund a series of grants in special emphasis programs to encourage programs to train Native American, African American, Hispanic American, Asian-Pacific American, Women and Disabled Students to pursue training in the fields of sciences and engineering; and to fund local community projects contributing to diversity-related programs.

**DATES:** Applications may be submitted at any time on or before May 18, 2001. Applications received after that date may or may not be considered depending on the status of proposal review and selection.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office, Contracts Management Division, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elaine Nix, Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office, 10808 Highway 93, Unit A, Golden, Colorado 80403-8200, (303) 966-2054, for application forms and additional information. Completed applications or proposals must be sent to the addresses heading.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE RFFO is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of

applications/proposals if an award is not made. If an award is made, such costs may be allowable as provided in the applicable cost principles.

**Availability of Fiscal Year 2001 Funds:** With this publication; DOE RFFO is announcing the availability of up to \$300,000 in grant funds for fiscal year 2001. RFFO anticipates that four or less grants will be made for a total not-to-exceed \$300,000. The awards will be made through a competitive process. Projects may cover a period of up to 5 years. Funding for out-years is dependent on appropriation from Congress. Length of awards may vary by applicant.

**Restricted Eligibility:** Eligible applicants for the purposes of funding under this notice include organizations and institutions residing in Colorado proposing to implement minority science and engineering projects in Colorado as described in the summary section of this announcement. Applicants are encouraged to propose project cost-sharing or sharing of in-kind services or resources. The awards will be made through a competitive process to organizations and institutions located in the State of Colorado. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number assigned to this program is 81.116.

**Evaluation Criteria:** All responsive Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of Department of Energy RFFO representatives. Successful proposal(s) will be selected on the opinion of panel members of proposals most able to meet the objectives best able to meet the needs of this office.

Proposals must demonstrate and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Implementation plan demonstrates experience, qualifications, capabilities, and resources necessary to successfully accomplish the proposed activities. (25%)

2. Exhibits sound administrative and financial management practices. (25%) Ability and willingness to perform all administrative requirements of the grant. The relationship between direct and indirect costs, and other financial aspects of the proposed grant, demonstrates sound financial practices. Cost effectiveness of projects.

3. Relationship of the proposed project to the objectives of the solicitation. (25%)

4. Qualifications of key personnel. (10%) Adequacy of availability and level of expertise of proposed personnel resources. Level of expertise of key personnel as demonstrated in resumes containing relevant education, training,

and experience (resumes should include relevant project work previously conducted by individuals of the team).

5. Successful past performance of similar projects. (15%) Proposals lacking records of relevant past performance will receive a neutral score.

DOE RFFO hereby reserves the right to fund, in part or whole, any, all, or none of the proposals submitted in response to this request. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications. Applicants should allow approximately 90 days for DOE evaluation. The status of any application during the evaluation and selection process will not be discussed with applicants. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned to the applicant.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on March 29, 2001.

**Hugh G. Miller,**

*Contracting Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. FE C&E 01-52, C&E 01-53, C&E 01-54, C&E 01-55, C&E 01-56, C&E 01-57, and C&E 01-58 Certification Notice—198]

### Office of Fossil Energy; Notice of Filings of Coal Capability of GenPower Earley LLC, et al.; Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing.

**SUMMARY:** GenPower Earley LLC, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Columbia Energy LLC, GenPower Anderson LLC, Attala Generating Company, LLC, Harquahala Generating Company, LLC, and CPV Gulfcoast, Ltd. 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, D.C. 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