

issued following completion of the EA. Copies of the EA and FONSI may be requested by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail from the address given above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-241]

Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; Enron North America Corp.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain/wetland involvement.

SUMMARY: Enron North America Corp. (Enron) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect double-circuit electric transmission lines across the U.S. border with Mexico. The proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands. In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain/wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), floodplain or wetlands assessments will be performed for these proposed actions in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within potentially affected floodplain and wetlands.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than September 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, questions about the proposed action, and requests to review the draft environmental assessment should be directed to: Ellen Russell, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Fax: (202) 287-5736. E-mail: Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0119; Phone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and 10 CFR Part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain-Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/nepa/tools/regulate/nepa_reg/1022/1022.htm), notice is given that DOE is considering an application from Enron for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain and connect double circuit 230,000 kilovolt (230-kV) transmission lines across the U.S. border with Mexico. Notice of filing of the Enron Presidential permit application appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2001 (66 FR 34178).

Before making a final decision on granting or denying a Presidential permit, DOE will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to address the environmental impacts that would accrue from the proposed project and reasonable alternatives. The EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Because the proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands, the EA will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that may be issued following completion of the EA. Copies of the EA and FONSI may be requested by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail from the address given above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-68-2]

Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement; San Diego Gas & Electric Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain/wetland involvement.

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. The proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands. In accordance with DOE regulations for

compliance with floodplain/wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), a floodplain or wetlands assessment will be performed for this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within potentially affected floodplain and wetlands.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than September 20, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, questions about the proposed action, and requests to review the draft environmental assessment should be directed to: Ellen Russell, 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. Fax: (202) 287-5736. E-mail: Ellen.Russell@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain and Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements Contact:

Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119; Phone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and 10 CFR part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain-Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements (http://tis-nt.eh.doe.gov/nepa/tools/regulate/nepa_reg/1022/1022.htm), notice is given that DOE is considering an application from SDG&E to amend the existing Presidential permit to authorize it to make certain changes to the existing transmission line to provide for the connection of the 510-megawatt (MW) Otay Mesa merchant powerplant being developed 1.5 miles north of the border. To interconnect the new powerplant to the existing PP-68 international transmission facilities, SDG&E proposes to construct a 5-acre switchyard within the fenced boundary of the powerplant and to construct approximately 0.1 miles of new 230-kV transmission line to interconnect with the 230-kV Miguel-Tijuana transmission line.

SDG&E also proposes to reconductor that portion of the existing transmission line from the new 5-acre switchyard, north to the Miguel Substation, a distance of approximately 8.5 miles. SDG&E proposes to bundle each circuit by adding a second set of conductors to

each phase (i.e., 12 total conductors versus 6 that currently exist). The 1.5 mile portion of SDG&E's Miguel-Tijuana international transmission line south of the Otay Mesa powerplant will remain unchanged. Notice of SDG&E's application to amend Presidential Permit PP-68 appeared in the **Federal Register** on February 27, 2001 (66 FR 12504).

Before making a final decision on granting or denying a Presidential permit amendment to SDG&E, DOE will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to address the environmental impacts that would accrue from the proposed project and reasonable alternatives. The EA will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Because the proposed action has the potential to impact on a floodplain/wetlands, the EA will include a floodplain and wetlands assessment. A floodplain statement of findings will be included in any Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that may be issued following completion of the EA. Copies of the EA and FONSI may be requested by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail from the address given above.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Alternative Technologies to Incineration Committee (ATIC) of the Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB). The EMAB is a Federal Advisory Committee act (FACA) entity.

DATES: Tuesday, September 25, 2001 and Wednesday, September 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenues, SW., (Room 6A-092), Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James T. Melillo, Executive Director of the Environmental Management Advisory Board, (EM-10), 1000 Independence Avenue SW., (Room 5B-171), Washington, DC 20585. The telephone number is 202-586-4400.

The Internet address is james.melillo@em.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Board is to provide the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) with advice and recommendations on issues confronting the Environmental Management Advisory Program from the perspective of affected groups, as well as state, local, and tribal governments. The Board will contribute to the effective operation of the Environmental Management Advisory Program by providing individual citizens and representatives of interested groups an opportunity to present their views on issues facing EM and by helping to secure consensus recommendations on those issues. The ATIC will examine emerging candidate technologies identified by the Department for treatment for disposal of mixed transuranic (TRU) and low-level wastes previously scheduled for incineration at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The Department is identifying these technologies through implementation of its technology Research Development Deployment & Demonstration (RDD&D) plan. The ATIC will facilitate stakeholder comment and communications on issues related to emerging alternative technologies to incineration for the treatment of mixed TRU and low-level wastes.

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

- 8:30 a.m.—Welcome and Introductions
- Introductory Comments
- Approval of Minutes from 6/13/01 Meeting
- Remarks—Office of Science and Technology
- The EM-50 Science and Technology Work Plan Initiatives
- Status of Development Efforts for Technologies Identified by the Blue Ribbon Panel
- Regulatory Initiatives for WIPP
- Public Comment Period
- 5:00 p.m.—Summary and Closing Comments

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

- 8:30 a.m.—Introductory Comments The Stakeholder Forum
- Q&A Session and Summary Comments
- Committee Work Session
- Public Comment Period
- 4:00 p.m.—Adjournment

Public Participation

This meeting is open to the public. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make an oral statement regarding any of the items on the agenda, please contact Mr. Melillo at

the address and telephone number listed above, or call the Environmental Management Advisory Board office at 202-586-4400, and we will reserve time for you on the agenda. You may also register to speak at the meeting on September 25-26, 2001, or ask to speak during the public comment period. Those who call in and or register in advance will be given the opportunity to speak first.

Others will be accommodated as time permits. The Board Chair will conduct the meeting in an orderly manner.

Minutes

We will make the minutes of the meeting available for public review and copying by November 25, 2001. The minutes and transcript of the meeting will be available for viewing at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room (1E-190) in the Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. The room is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. except on Federal holidays.

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Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Office of Fossil Energy; H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc.; Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Import Natural Gas From Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that on June 25, 2001, it issued DOE/FE Order No. 1694 granting H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc. (HQUS) long-term authorization to import from Canada up to 48,500 thousand cubic feet per day of natural gas beginning on the date of first import delivery and extending through December 14, 2005, pursuant to the terms of a natural gas sales agreement dated July 15, 1999, between HQUS and Marketing d'Énergie HQ Inc. This natural gas may be imported from Canada at the interconnection point between St. Stephen in New Brunswick, Canada and Calais, Maine.

This order may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>, or on our electronic bulletin board at (202)