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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for the Sutter County Feasibility Study, Sutter County, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The action being taken is a feasibility investigation to (1) address improvements for the existing flood management systems, (2) investigate additional areas of flood protection for Sutter County, and (3) integrate ecosystem restoration. The study area is located within the boundaries of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project in Sutter County and includes the Sacramento, Feather, and Bear Rivers; Natomas Cross Canal; Sutter and Tisdale Bypasses; Wadsworth Canal; Yuba City and communities of Live Oak, Meridian, Robbins, Pleasant Grove, and Nicolaus.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS/EIR should be addressed to Liz Holland at (916) 557-6763 or by mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN CESP-K-PD-R, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Reclamation Board of the State of California, and the County of Sutter are conducting a feasibility investigation. The study focuses on reducing flood damages within the county of Sutter, California. The study area includes the Sacramento, Feather, and Bear Rivers; Sutter and Tisdale Bypasses; Natomas Cross Canal; and Wadsworth Canal. County population centers include Yuba City and the communities of Live Oak, Meridian, Robbins, Pleasant Grove, and Nicolaus.

2. Alternatives

The feasibility report will address an array of alternatives. Alternatives analyzed during the feasibility investigation will be a combination of one or more flood reduction measures identified during the reconnaissance phase; additional measures may be considered. These alternative measures include enlarge existing levees, levee realignment, ring levees, interceptor-levee/channel, reservoir reoperation, floodway protection program, dredging, vegetation management, and bypass reoperation/modification. Although an ecosystem restoration alternative has not been defined at this time, the alternatives currently identified would likely include ecosystem restoration components.

- a. No Action. There will be no flood control projects implemented for Sutter County.
- b. Enlarge existing levees along the Feather and Sacramento Rivers, and the Natomas Cross Canal.
- c. Realign levees along the Feather, Bear, and Sacramento Rivers.
- d. Construct a ring levee to the east of Yuba City.
- e. Construct a channel or levee intercepting flows above Yuba City.
- f. Reoperate Feather and Yuba River upstream reservoirs.
- g. Adopt local flood plain management plan.
- h. Remove sediment from the Sutter Bypass, Feather and Sacramento River, and canal systems.
- i. Reoperate State pumps and drain lines.
- j. Improve levees along the Sutter Bypass.
- k. Modify Tisdale Bypass to convey higher flows earlier.

3. Scoping Process

a. The project study plan provides for a public scoping meeting and comment. The Corps has initiated a process of involving concerned individuals, and local, State, and Federal agencies.

b. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS/EIR include appropriate levels of flood damage reduction, adverse effects on vegetation and wildlife resources, special-status species, esthetics, cultural resources, recreation, land use, fisheries, water quality, air quality, transportation, socioeconomic, and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

c. The Corps will consult with the State Historic preservation Officer, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report as an appendix to the EIS/EIR.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS/EIR. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the EIS/EIR circulation.

4. Availability

The draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment late in calendar year 2002.

Dated: August 23, 2001.

Colonel Michael J. Conrad, Jr.,
Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(Docket No. EA-234)

Application To Export Electric Energy; Energia de Baja California

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Energia de Baja California (EBC) 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 October 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinner (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 August 22, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from EBC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico. In a related proceeding currently before DOE (FE Docket PP-234), EBC has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a new electric transmission facility between San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E's) Imperial Valley Substation in Imperial County, California, and a merchant powerplant EBC is proposing to construct in the vicinity of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. The electric energy EBC proposes to export to Mexico would be for the purpose of providing start-up and other station use power. Exports from the United States to the EBC plant for these purposes is expected to be less than 17 megawatts.

The electric energy EBC proposes to export to Mexico would be purchased on the open market and delivered to SDG&E's Imperial Valley Substation using the existing domestic transmission system. The exported electricity would be transmitted to Mexico over the facilities proposed in FE Docket PP-234.

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 EBC application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-234. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Orlando Martinez, Manager, Development, InterGen, Two Alhambra Plaza, Suite 1100, Coral Gables, FL 33134-5202 AND Russell Wood, Hunton & Williams, 1900 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

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 "Electricity Regulation" and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menu.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-249]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Exelon Generation Company, LLC

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon) 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 October 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: 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).

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 August 20, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Exelon to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. Exelon, a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal place of business in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, is a power marketer and wholly-owned subsidiary of Exelon Corporation, an electric utility holding company. Exelon owns generation facilities but does not

have a franchised service area. The power to be exported will be generated by Exelon or will be purchased from electric utilities, power marketers, and federal power marketing agencies in the United States.

Exelon 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, Citizen Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power 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 Exelon, 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 DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Exelon application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-249. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Majorie R. Philips, Attorney, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, 300 Exelon Way, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

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.de.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity