

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Notice of Issuance of Record of Decision Regarding Expansion of the Land Area of the Existing Hardwood Air-to-Surface Gunnery Range**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Air Force issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on February 8, 2002, to expand the land area of the existing Hardwood Air-to-Surface Gunnery Range. The decision supports high altitude restricted military training airspace, low altitude restricted military training airspace to match the land expansion area, and increase aircraft utilization in existing military operations area airspace in order to enhance combat readiness training. The ROD was issued in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 CFR 1505.2). The ROD is based on information, analysis, and public comment contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, "Hardwood Range Expansion and Associated Airspace Actions," November 2000 (**Federal Register** Volume 65, Number 242: December 15, 2000 [Page 78484-78485]).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Harry Knudsen (301) 836-6295.

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans**

AGENCY: President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans (Commission). This notice also describes the functions of the Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 28, 2002, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Commission meeting will be held in Washington, DC, at The Mayflower Hotel located at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie Sanchez, Executive Director, or Adam Chavarria, Associate Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20202, (202) 401-1411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans is established under Executive Order 13230 dated October 12, 2001. The Commission is established to provide advice to the Secretary of Education (Secretary) and issue reports to the President concerning: (a) The progress of Hispanic Americans in closing the academic achievement gap and attaining the goals established by the President's No Child Left Behind Act of 2002; (b) the development, monitoring, and coordination of Federal efforts to promote high-quality education for Hispanic Americans; (c) ways to increase parental, State and local, private sector, and community involvement in improving education; and (d) ways to maximize the effectiveness of Federal education initiatives within the Hispanic community.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.* interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Adam Chavarria at (202) 401-1411 by no later than February 25. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

On Wednesday, February 27th, the Commission will be briefed on a number of topics including Executive Order 13230, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Commission will also be sworn in at the White House. The Commission's meeting on Wednesday is not subject to FACA because the meeting involves the exchange of facts and information.

On Thursday, the Commission will meet in open session from 9 a.m. to noon. The Commission will be discussing and planning upcoming meetings and events.

Records are kept of all Commission proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This notice will not meet the 15-day FACA requirement for announcing meetings in the **Federal Register** due to scheduling issues.

Dated: February 14, 2002.

Laurie M. Rich,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-258]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Maclaren Energy Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Maclaren Energy Inc. (Maclaren) 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 22, 2002.

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: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 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 January 22, 2002, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Maclaren to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. Maclare is a power marketer that is incorporated under the laws of Canada and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Lakes Power Inc., a Canadian corporation, which has its principal place of business in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Maclaren operates as a wholesale and retail marketer of electric power and arranges services in related

areas. Maclaren does not own or control any electric power generation or transmission facilities and does not have a franchised service area.

Maclaren 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 Maclaren, 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 Maclaren application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-258. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Ginette Berthel, Maclaren Energy Inc., Legal Counsel and Corporate Secretary, 2 Montreal Road West, Masson-Angers, Quebec J8M 1K6.

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

Regulation," and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 13, 2002.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration; Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement for the Disposition of the Omega West Reactor Vessel and Ancillary Structures at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operation, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain Involvement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations hereby provides notice for its proposal to decontaminate and demolish the Omega West Reactor vessel along with the remaining structures associated with the Omega Facility, and to remove the resulting waste from the Los Alamos canyon floodplain and out of the canyon bottom. The Omega Facility, located in Los Alamos Canyon at LANL in New Mexico, housed an old research reactor known as the Omega West Reactor (OWR). The OWR was shut down in 1992 and the fuel removed in 1994. The Facility, originally constructed in 1944, and its associated structures are of advanced age and not in a condition suitable for renovation or reapplication. Further, they are located within a potential flood pathway. There is no foreseeable future use for the Facility, which is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

DATES: Written comments are due to the address below no later than March 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Jeff Robbins, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185 or transmitted by E-mail via Internet to jfrobbins@doeal.gov, or by facsimile to (505) 284-7101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Nevarez, Document Manager, U.S.

Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, ERD SC-1, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185, Telephone (505) 845-5804, or transmitted by E-mail via Internet to rnevarez@doeal.gov, or by facsimile (505) 845-4239.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, Contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119, Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756, facsimile (202) 586-7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In May 2000, the Cerro Grande Fire burned across the upper and mid-elevation zones of several watersheds, including the Los Alamos Canyon watershed. Several of the Omega Facility's small support buildings and structures were demolished and disposed of during the first 6 months post Cerro Grande Fire. The remaining buildings, including Building 2-1 that houses the OWR vessel, and the associated structures and utilities and infrastructure, continue to be vulnerable to damage from flooding and mudflows as a result of the fire and the changed environmental conditions upstream from the Facility. While all buildings are vulnerable, the support buildings and structures are especially at risk due to their construction characteristics. An assessment of the floodplain is being included in the Disposition of the Omega West Vessel and Ancillary Structures Environmental Assessment (EA).

According to the requirements of E.O. 11988—Floodplain Management and 10 CFR part 1022—Compliance with Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, notice is given that NNSA is planning to decontaminate and demolish (D&D) the OWR vessel and the remaining Omega Facility structures located within Los Alamos Canyon at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The D&D activities would consist of characterization and removal of radiological and other potential contamination in all the structures and subsequent demolition of the structures; dismantlement of the reactor vessel; segregation, size reduction, packaging, transportation, and disposal of wastes; and removal of several feet of potentially contaminated soil from beneath the reactor vessel. The D&D of the entire Omega Facility is proposed to be conducted using a phased approach. For each individual structure, the initial phase would include the