

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Alternative Fuel Vehicle Acquisition Reports****AGENCY:** Department of Defense.**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 42 United States Code 13218, the Department of Defense gives notice that the Department's 1998–2001 alternative fuel vehicle compliance reports are available on-line at <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/AFV/afv.html>. The 2002 reports are being prepared and will be posted to this site. Additional information concerning the Department's alternative fuel vehicle program is contained in the Defense Environmental Quality Program Annual Reports to Congress, available on line at <https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/News/news.html#osd>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lt Col Bruce Harding at (703) 604–1831, or via e-mail at bruce.harding@osd.mil.

Dated: January 8, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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BILLING CODE 5001–08–M**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Fossil Energy****[FE Docket No. 02–97–NG]****Bay State Gas Company; Order Granting Long-Term Authority to Import Natural Gas from Canada****AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of Order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) gives notice that on January 7, 2003, it issued DOE/FE Order No. 1843 granting Bay State Gas Company (Bay State) authority to import up to 62,748 Mcf per day of natural gas from Canada, beginning on January 15, 2003, and extending through April 1, 2005. The natural gas will be purchased from ENCANA Corporation to serve its customers in Massachusetts.

This Order may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586–7853. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities Docket Room, 3E–033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585–0334,

(202) 586–9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, January 9, 2003.

Clifford Tomaszewski,*Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum, Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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BILLING CODE 6450–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****[Docket No. PP–230–3]****Application to Transfer Presidential Permit; International Transmission Company, ITC Holdings Corp, DTE Energy Company****AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of application.

SUMMARY: International Transmission Company (ITC), ITC Holdings Corp., and DTE Energy Company have jointly applied to transfer Presidential Permit PP–230–2 from ITC to a new corporate entity that will not be affiliated with DTE Energy.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before January 30, 2003.

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 Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–2793.

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 a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038. Existing Presidential permits are not transferable or assignable. However, in the event of a proposed voluntary transfer of facilities, in accordance with the regulations at 10 CFR 205.323, the existing permit holder and the transferee are required to file a joint application with DOE that includes a statement of reasons for the transfer.

On April 19, 2001, DOE granted Presidential Permit PP–235–2 to ITC for four existing international electric

transmission facilities that cross the U.S.-Canadian border. These permitted facilities include:

(1) One 230,000-volt (230–kV) transmission line, including one 675-MVA phase-shifting transformer connecting the Bunce Creek Station, located in Marysville, Michigan, with Hydro One's Scott Transformer Station, located in Sarnia, Ontario (identified as the B3N facility);

(2) One 230–kV transmission line connecting the Waterman Station, located in Detroit, Michigan, with Hydro One's J. Clark Keith Generating Station, located in Windsor, Ontario (identified as the J5D facility);

(3) One 345–kV transmission line connecting the St. Clair Generating Station, located in East China Township, Michigan, with Hydro One's Lambton Generating Station, located in Moore Township, Ontario (identified as the L4D facility); and

(4) One 230–kV transmission line connecting the St. Clair Generating Station with Hydro One's Lambton Generating Station (identified as the L51D facility).

Presidential permits originally were granted to Detroit Edison for the construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of these facilities. However, as a result of a series of corporate actions and divestitures, these facilities were transferred to ITC.

On January 6, 2003, ITC, ITC Holdings Corp., and DTE Energy Company (collectively, the "Applicants") jointly filed an application with DOE to transfer Presidential Permit PP–230–2 from ITC to a new corporate entity that will be created following a series of corporate restructurings. The purpose of the joint application is to ensure that the authority contained in the Presidential permit will continue in force and be transferred from one corporate entity to the next as the series of corporate restructurings are accomplished and the subject facilities are voluntarily transferred. In the instant application, the Applicants indicate that there will be no physical changes to any of the existing permitted facilities and that the subject facilities will continue to be operated in accordance with all of the terms and conditions contained in Presidential Permit PP–230–2.

The Applicants are expecting that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will take final action on the series of corporate restructurings by February 20, 2003, and the Applicants have requested that DOE expedite the processing of this application so that a final decision on the request to transfer the Presidential permit be completed by that date. Accordingly, DOE has

shortened the comment period for this proceeding to 15 days.

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 joint application to transfer Presidential Permit PP-230-2 should be clearly marked with Docket PP-230-3. Additional copies are to be filed directly with M. Douglas Dunn, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, NY 10005, R. Michael Sweeney and Bonnie A. Suchman, Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004, and Raymond O. Sturdy, Jr., DTE Energy Company, 2000 2nd Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

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 Procedures" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 10, 2003.

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

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP96-359-013]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Negotiated Rates

January 9, 2003.

Take notice that on December 31, 2002, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing two executed service agreements between Transco and BP Energy Company that contain negotiated rates under Transco's Rate Schedule FT.

Transco states that these service agreements are the result of the permanent releases of two service agreements containing negotiated rates previously filed by Transco pertaining to its MarketLink and Leidy East Expansion Projects. Aquila Energy Marketing (Aquila), one of Transco's MarketLink and Leidy East shippers, agreed to permanently release all of its firm MarketLink transportation service (25,000 dekatherms of gas per day) and all of its firm Leidy East transportation service (25,000 dekatherms of gas per day) to BP Energy Company effective January 1, 2003, at the same negotiated rates and primary term contained in Aquila's existing service agreements. For both service agreements, the effective date of the permanent release is January 1, 2003.

Transco states that copies of the filing are being mailed to its affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's rules and regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For Assistance, please contact FERC Online

Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link.

Comment Date: January 13, 2003.

Magalie R. Salas,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Notice of Intent to File Application for a New License

January 9, 2003.

Take notice that the following notice of intent has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Type of filing:* Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License.
- b. *Project No:* 2230.
- c. *Date filed:* November 13, 2002.
- d. *Submitted By:* City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.
- e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Hydroelectric Project.
- f. *Location:* The Blue Lake project is located 5 miles east of the City of Sitka, on Sawmill Creek (formerly Medvetcha River) at stream mile 2.7.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Section 15 of the Federal Power Act, 18 CFR 16.6.
- h. Pursuant to Section 16.19 of the Commission's regulations, the licensee is required to make available the information described in Section 16.7 of the regulations. Such information is available from the licensee at the City and Borough of Sitka, 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835, (907) 747-6633.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Nicholas Jayjack, 202-502-6073, Nicholas.Jayjack@ferc.gov.
- j. *Expiration Date of Current License:* March 31, 2008.
- k. *Project Description:* The project includes a 211-foot high dam with a crest length of 256 feet, a submerged concrete intake structure, a 1,225-acre reservoir (Blue Lake), a 7,110-foot long power conduit consisting of both steel penstock and unlined tunnel segments, three powerhouses with a combined capacity of 7.5 megawatts, and three transmission lines with a combined length of 6.5 miles. The project occupies