

standards before these products can be distributed in commerce.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before April 7, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-7345.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division IM-11/Germantown Bldg., Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, and to Regina Washington, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, (301) 903-3666, or e-mail susan.frey@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This package contains: (1) *OMB No.* 1910-1400; (2) *Package Title:* Compliance Statement: Energy/Water Conservation Standards for Appliances; (3) *Purpose:* DOE will collect information from manufacturers to verify that products covered under the Act comply with required energy conservation and water conservation standards prior to distributing these products in commerce. DOE will make a determination of compliance by examining manufacturer's compliance statements and certification reports that each basic model meets the applicable energy and water conservation standard as prescribed in section 325 of the Act. (4) *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 48; (5) *Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 1,347; (6) *Number of Collections:* The package contains 14 information and/or recordkeeping requirements.

Statutory Authority: EPCA mandates the use of uniform energy and water conservation standards and testing procedures for covered products. DOE has previously established compliance reporting requirements in § 430.62 of title 10 CFR 430. The authority for certification reporting under part 430 is

section 326(d) of part B of title III of EPCA which states:

"For purposes of carrying out this part, the Secretary may require, under this part [42 U.S.C. 6291 *et seq.*] or other provision of law administered by the Secretary, each manufacturer of a covered product to submit information or reports to the Secretary with respect to energy efficiency, energy use, or, in the case of showerheads, faucets, water closets, and urinals, water use of such covered product . . . to ensure compliance with the requirements of this part." 42 U.S.C. 6296(d).

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Susan L. Frey,

*Director, Records Management Division,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-249-A]

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 to renew its 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 23, 2004.

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) issued Order No. EA-249 authorizing Exelon to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using certain international electric transmission facilities. That two-year authorization expired on October 15, 2003.

On January 30, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Exelon to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a period of five (5) years. Exelon requests that, if DOE approves this application, the order authorizing it to export be made effective as of October 15, 2003, because Exelon has inadvertently continued to trade power since that date. Exelon also has requested expedited processing of this application. Accordingly, DOE has shortened the public comment period to 15 days.

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, 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-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Colleen E. Hicks, 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 Regulation," and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice DE-FG01-04ER04-16; Integrated Assessment of Climate Change Research

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces interest in receiving applications for the Integrated Assessment of Climate Change Research Program. The program funds research that contributes to integrated assessment of climate change, and in particular, research to develop and improve methods and tools that focus on specialized topics of importance to integrated assessments. The research program supports the Administration's Climate Change Science Program goals to understand, model, and assess the effects of increasing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere. The program places special emphasis on developing methods to evaluate economic and other costs and benefits of climate change under "what if" scenarios that include policy interventions to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

All applications submitted in response to this notice must explicitly state how the proposed research will support accomplishment of the BER Climate Change Research Division's Long Term Measure of Scientific Advancement to deliver improved data and models to determine acceptable levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

DATES: Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to submit a brief preapplication for programmatic review. There is no deadline for the preapplication, but early submission of preapplications is encouraged to allow time for meaningful discussions.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., eastern time, May 11, 2004, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2004 and early Fiscal Year 2005.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications, referencing Program Notice DE-FG01-04ER04-16, should be sent e-mail to john.houghton@science.doe.gov.

Formal applications referencing Program Notice DE-FG01-04ER04-16, must be sent electronically by an authorized institutional business official through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/>. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS, your business official will need to register at the IIPS website. IIPS offers the option of using multiple files, please limit submissions to one volume and one file if possible, with a maximum of no more than four PDF files. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS. Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific grant application as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at:

HelpDesk@pr.doe.gov, or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683-0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

If you are unable to submit an application through IIPS, please contact the Grants and Contracts Division, Office of Science at: (301) 903-5212 or (301) 903-3604, in order to gain assistance for submission through IIPS or to receive special approval and instructions on how to submit printed applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Houghton, Climate Change Research Division, SC-74, Office of Biological and Environmental Research,

Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20585-1290, telephone: (301) 903-8288, e-mail:

john.houghton@science.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903-8519. The full text of Program Notice DE-FG01-04ER04-16, is available via the World Wide Web using the following Web site address: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An integrated assessment of climate change is defined here as the analysis of the human (including economics), physical, and biological aspects of climate change from the cause, such as greenhouse gas emissions, through impacts, such as changes in unmanaged ecosystems, sea level rise, and altered growing conditions for crops. The primary emphasis in an integrated assessment is to represent all three aspects in such a way that the costs and benefits of climate change can be evaluated. Integrated assessments are commonly based on simulated scenarios using a computer model.

A description of integrated assessment may be found in volume 3 of the report "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Assessment Report: Climate Change 2001". The reference is: Ferenc Toth, Mark Mwandosya, John Christiansen, Jae Edmonds, Brian Flannery, Carlos Gay-Garcia, Hoesung Lee, Klaus Meyer-Abich, Elena Nikitina, Atiq Rahman, Richard Richels, Ye Riqui, Arturo Villavicencio, Yoko Wake, and John Weyant, "Decision-Making Frameworks," Chapter 10 in Climate Change 2001: Mitigation, Cambridge University Press, 2001 (<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/reports.htm>).

Integrated assessment models are used to evaluate, for example, specific policy options. This notice solicits research to develop and improve the methods and tools used to assess the costs and benefits of climate change. The research funded as a result of this solicitation will be judged in part on its potential to develop and improve integrated assessment methods and models needed to support policy analysis and development. Policy analysis and development itself will not be funded.

The program will concentrate support on the topics described below. Applications that involve development of analytical models and computer codes will be judged partly on the basis of whether they include proposed tasks to document and make the models and model codes available to the community. The following is a list of