

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy is soliciting comments related to the implementation of its American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Government Policy and its interactions with tribal governments.

DATES: Interested parties should submit comments in writing on or before April 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Fax comments to (202) 586-7314, attention Kristen Ellis. If you are unable to send your comments by fax, please contact Kristen Ellis, telephone (202) 586-5810, to make other arrangements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristen Ellis, (202) 586-5810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy hosted the first DOE/Tribal Leaders Summit on February 23, 2004 in Washington, DC.

This event followed the government-to-government format required for interactions with tribal governments, and was therefore not open to the public. The goal of the Summit was to identify successes and barriers to communication between tribal entities and the Department, and to work towards developing a framework for future interactions.

Various DOE Program Offices presented information of possible interest to tribes, including the offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Economic Impact and Diversity, Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, Environmental Management, and the National Nuclear Security Administration. Tribal representatives from the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Council for Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), the Southern Ute nation, and the DOE State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) also addressed the participants with their individual, tribal and/or organizational perspective.

At the Summit, the Department announced a period to solicit further comments from tribal participants. Comments might address future topical or regional summits, protocols, or departmental goals or procedures that affect tribes. With this notice, the Department is soliciting comments from all interested stakeholders, including state or local governments or those living or working near the Department's sites or who otherwise may be affected by the Department's activities related to tribes. Although the Department will accept comments from any source, it is primarily interested in comments from any interested Tribal leader or Tribal leader's representative, whether or not

they attended the summit. These comments will be considered by the Department as it implements its policy. A copy of the comment form distributed at the Summit is available at <http://www.ci.doe.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Renewal of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (the Board) has been renewed for an additional two-year period, beginning in March 2004.

The Board will continue to provide independent, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary of Energy on matters concerning the Department's management, basic science, research, development and technology activities; energy and national security responsibilities, environmental cleanup activities; energy-related economic activities; the operations of the Department; and on any other activities and operations of the Department of Energy as the Secretary may direct.

The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced representation in fields of importance to the Department of Energy, such as management, basic science, renewable energy, energy policy, environmental science, economics, business expertise and broad public policy interests. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business in connection with the performance of duties established by statute for the Department of Energy. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and

instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rachel M. Samuel, U.S. Department of Energy, ME-76, FORS, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-3279.

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James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-258-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Brascan Energy Marketing Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Brascan Energy Marketing Inc. (BEMI) 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 April 12, 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: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4608 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 April 26, 2002, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-258 authorizing Maclaren Energy, Inc. (now known as Brascan Energy Marketing Inc.) to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. That two-year authorization expires on April 26, 2004.

On February 12, 2004, FE received an application from Brascan Energy Marketing Inc. (BEMI) to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. BEMI is a power marketer that is incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada, with its principal place of business in

Gatineau, Quebec, Canada. BEMI does not own generation or transmission assets and does not have a franchised electric power service area. BEMI operates as a wholesale and retail marketer of electric power and arranges services in related areas such as fuel supplies and transmission services.

BEMI 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., 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 BEMI, 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 BEMI application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-258-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Patricia Bood, General Counsel, Brascan Energy Marketing Inc., 480 de la Cite Blvd., Suite 200, Gatineau, Quebec J8T 8R3 and Amy S. Koch, Patton Boggs LLP, 2550 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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://](http://www.fe.de.gov)

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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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

Innovative Energy Systems Pilot Project—Chemicals

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a funding opportunity announcement.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is announcing its intention to establish a five-year collaborative pilot project to jointly support the research, development, and demonstration of projects which will improve the energy efficiency and enhance the productivity of energy systems throughout the chemical industry that are integrated with the chemical processing and energy supply systems within plant boundaries. This pilot project was conceived by Vision 2020 (an organization representing the chemical industry's technology development interests) with the goal of commercializing one or more innovative energy systems that will have widespread application and yield significant energy savings to the chemical industry. Future technology demonstrations of successful research and development (R&D) are anticipated to be conducted by the U.S. chemical industry once the technology risks have been minimized and the costs associated with any technology have been validated by the Innovative Energy Systems Pilot Project.

DATES: The Funding Opportunity Announcement was issued on March 16, 2004.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the Announcement, interested parties should access the DOE Golden Field Office Home page at <http://www.go.doe.gov/funding.html>, click on the word "access." The link will open the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site and provide instructions on using IIPS. The Announcement can also be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing

opportunities by Contract Activity, for those Announcements issued by the Golden Field Office. DOE will not issue paper copies of the Announcement.

IIPS provides the medium for disseminating Announcements, receiving financial assistance applications, and evaluating the applications in a paperless environment. The application may be submitted in the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) by the applicant or a designated representative that receives authorization from the applicant; however, the application documentation must reflect the name and title of the representative authorized to enter the applicant into a legally binding contract or agreement. The applicant or the designated representative must first register in IIPS, entering their first name and last name, and then entering the company name/address of the applicant.

For questions regarding the operation of IIPS, contact the IIPS Help Desk at IIPS_HelpDesk@e-center.doe.gov or at (800) 683-0751.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Siekerka, Contract Specialist, DOE Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401-3393 or via facsimile to Jean at (303) 275-4788 or electronically to jean.siekerka@go.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) employs a two-phased approach to achieve its objectives:

- *Phase 1* involves selecting a Project Integrator with the expertise, resources, and project and contract management capabilities to solicit, review, select and manage contracts for innovative technology development projects addressing the aforementioned energy-saving opportunities in the chemical industry.

- *Phase 2* involves the Project Integrator conducting a fair and open competitive Innovative Energy Systems Challenge (Challenge) solicitation (Request for Proposals, RFP) to attract potential innovative energy systems technology development projects that meet the following objectives:

1. Target the often overlooked areas of high-risk R&D in the areas of energy systems integrated with chemical processing and energy supply systems within chemical plant boundaries;

2. Through a fair and open competitive solicitation process, identify and facilitate development of innovative technologies that could cost-effectively achieve a significant (≥ 30 percent) reduction in on-site and off-site energy losses in the chemical industry;