

Public Service Company, Minnesota Power Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. In addition, ENMAX has requested it be authorized to export electric energy using international transmission facilities currently owned by Boise Cascade and NSP/Excel which have not previously been authorized for third-party exports.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by ENMAX, 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 ENMAX application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-264-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Darin L. Lowther, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, ENMAX Energy Marketing Inc., 141-50 Avenue, SE., Calgary, AB T2G 4S7 and Jerry L. Pfeiffer, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom, LLP, 1440 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-2111

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

[Docket No. EA-290]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Ontario Power Generation, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Ontario Power Generation, Inc. (OPG) 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 May 10, 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:**

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 March 15, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from OPG to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. OPG is a Canadian corporation having its principal place of business at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. OPG operates a number of power generation facilities in Ontario, some of which are owned by OPG and some by various subsidiary corporations. OPG does not own or control any transmission or distribution assets, nor does it have any franchised service area in the United States or Canada. OPG's generation assets previously were owned by Ontario Hydro, the former government-owned utility providing generation, transmission and certain distribution services in Ontario.

OPG proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada

over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Boise Cascade, 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, Northern States/Ecel, Vermont Electric Cooperative Inc., and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by OPG, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

OPG has requested expedited processing of its application so that it may export power to Canada on the earliest possible date.

*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 OPG application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-290. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Andrew Barrett, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Ontario Power Generation Inc., 700 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1X6 Canada and Jerry Pfeiffer, Energy Industries Advisor, Victor A. Contract, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 1440 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-2111.

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>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Agency information collection activities: proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA is soliciting comments on a proposed new Form EIA-914, "Monthly Natural Gas Production Report."

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by June 22, 2004. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Barry Yaffe. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by FAX (202-586-9739) or e-mail

([barry.yaffe@EIA.doe.gov](mailto:barry.yaffe@EIA.doe.gov)) is recommended. The mailing address is Office of Oil and Gas, EI-40, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Barry Yaffe may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-4412.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Barry Yaffe at the address listed above.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

#### **I. Background**

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer-term domestic demand.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35), provides the public and government agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information

collected and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Later, the EIA plans to seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

EIA is proposing a new sample survey, Form EIA-914, "Monthly Natural Gas Production Report." Using Form EIA-914, EIA's ability to reliably estimate and disseminate timely monthly natural gas production data for the United States and its top producing areas would improve significantly. The applicable elements of the natural gas production activity stream are shown in Figure 1; the associated definitions are shown in Table 1.

The primary quantity to be measured by the survey is "natural gas lease production" or "gas available for sales." This quantity indicates the net amount of produced gas that leaves the lease, going either to natural gas processing plants or directly to end-users. Other quantities to be reported are "gross withdrawals (wet)" (*i.e.*, full-bore wellstream gas minus lease condensate, oil and water), gas used as fuel on leases, gas used for repressuring and reinjection, quantities vented and flared on leases, and nonhydrocarbons removed on leases. Gross withdrawals (wet) is sometimes referred to as "wet gas after lease separation." The proposed survey form and instructions are available at [http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil\\_gas/fwd/proposed.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/fwd/proposed.html).

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