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**Rod Paige,**

*Secretary of Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-294]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; TexMex Energy, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** TexMex Energy, LLC (TexMex) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before August 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (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) 202-586-4708 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 June 4, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from TexMex to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico. TexMex is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Protama, S.A. de C.V. (Protama), a Mexican corporation that specializes in the development of energy projects. TexMex was formed by Protama for the exclusive purpose of purchasing power at wholesale within the United States for export to Mexico. TexMex is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business located in Mexico. TexMex does not own, operate or control any electric power generation, transmission or distribution facilities in the United States, nor is it affiliated with any owner of such facilities within the United States.

TexMex proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Mexico

over the international transmission facilities owned by El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized, 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 the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the TexMex application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA-294. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Guillermo Gonzalez G., c/o Protama S.A. de C.V., Tonalá 44, Col. Roma, 06700 Mexico D.F., Mexico and Doug F. John, John & Hengerer, 1200 12th Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036-3013.

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 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE on whether the proposed action would 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.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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**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

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River River

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Monday, July 26, 2004, 1 p.m.–6:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, July 27, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Newberry Hall, 151 Bee Lane, Aiken, SC 29803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerri Flemming, Closure Project Office, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, PO Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

*Tentative Agendas:*

Monday, July 26, 2004

1 p.m.—Combined Committee Meeting  
5:45 p.m.—Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.—Adjourn

Tuesday, July 27, 2004

8:30 a.m.—Approval of Minutes; Agency Updates; Public Comment Session

9 a.m.—Chair and Facilitator Update

9:35 a.m.—Waste Management Committee Report

10:40 a.m.—Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Report

11:45 a.m.—Public Comment Session

12 noon—Lunch Break

1 p.m.—Administrative Committee Report

1:45 p.m.—Bylaws Amendment Proposal; '05 Membership; Budget Update; Facility Disposition & Site Remediation Committee Report

2:45 p.m.—Nuclear Materials Committee Report

3:45 p.m.—Public Comment Session  
4 p.m.—Adjourn

If needed, time will be allotted after public comments for items added to the agenda, and administrative details. A final agenda will be available at the meeting Monday, July 26, 2004.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either

before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make the oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gerri Flemming's office at the address or telephone listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided equal time to present their comments.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20585 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Gerri Flemming, Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC, 29802, or by calling her at (803) 952-7886.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 29, 2004.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER04-691-000 and Docket No. EL04-104-000]

#### Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.; Public Utilities With Grandfathered Agreements in the Midwest ISO Region; Notice of Availability of Filing Instructions and Summary Template

June 22, 2004.

1. Pursuant to the Commission's Notice of Availability of Executive Summary and Index Templates, issued June 17, 2004, the Commission staff is hereby issuing instructions to all parties for filing Grandfathered Agreement (GFA) Information pursuant to the Commission's May 26, 2004 Order in the above captioned dockets.<sup>1</sup> The template for filing summary GFA information is available with this notice

<sup>1</sup> Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., *et al.*, 107 FERC ¶61,191 (2004) (May 26 Order).

and on <http://www.ferc.gov> under "What's New."

2. Parties should review the instructions for the template before using it; the template contains macros that preclude use of the Save and Save As functions in Excel. Summary information should be submitted using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>). Parties filing testimony and exhibits should also use the eFiling system, provided the material is public and meets the maximum file number and file size restrictions.

3. All submissions are due by 5 p.m. eastern time on June 25, 2004.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-344-000]

#### Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Tuscarora 2005 Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Site Visit

June 22, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company's (Tuscarora) proposed 2005 Expansion Project. Tuscarora proposes to install and operate a new compressor unit at its existing Wadsworth Booster Station in Washoe County, Nevada, and construct and operate a new compressor station near the town of Likely in Modoc County, California.<sup>1</sup> The EA will be used by the Commission in its decision-making process to determine whether the projects are in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice (NOI) is being sent to affected and adjacent landowners; Federal, State and local representatives and agencies; local newspapers and libraries; potentially interested Indian tribes; public interest and environmental groups; and parties to the

<sup>1</sup> Tuscarora's application was filed on May 21, 2004, under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations. The Commission issued a notice of the application on May 28, 2004.

proceeding. Government representatives and agencies are encouraged to notify their constituents of the proposed projects and encourage them to comment.

Additionally, with this NOI we<sup>2</sup> are asking government agencies and tribes with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA. Agencies may choose to participate once they evaluate Tuscarora's proposal relative to their responsibilities. Agencies that would like to request cooperating status should follow the directions for filing comments described below.

If you are a landowner receiving this NOI, you may be contacted by a representative of Tuscarora about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the project is approved by the Commission, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the company could initiate condemnation proceedings in accordance with State law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" should have been attached to the project notice Tuscarora is required to provide to landowners. This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is available for viewing on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>).

#### Summary of the Proposed Project

Tuscarora seeks authority to:

- Construct, install, own, operate and maintain a new 3,600 hp unit at its existing Wadsworth Booster Station at about MP 10.6 along Tuscarora's Wadsworth lateral, near its interconnection with Paiute's mainline, in Washoe County, Nevada; and
- Construct, install, own, operate, and maintain a new 8,000 hp compressor station at about MP 81.6 along Tuscarora's mainline near Likely in Modoc County, California.

The facilities proposed by Tuscarora would add up to 51,753 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) in firm transportation capacity to its system. This additional capacity is contracted to Southwest Gas

<sup>2</sup> "We", "us", and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the FERC's Office of Energy Projects (OEP).