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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-332]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Nexen Marketing U.S.A. Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Nexen Marketing U.S.A. Inc. (Nexen) 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 March 3, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-8008).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On December 17, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Nexen for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer.

Nexen, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. Nexen does not own or control any electric generation, transmission, or distribution assets within the United States, nor does it have a franchised service area in the United States. The electric energy which Nexen proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

Nexen will arrange for the delivery of exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, and Vermont Electric Transmission Co.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Nexen 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 these proceedings 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission'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 Nexen application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-332. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Douglas F. John, John & Hengerer, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036-3116 and Diane Cameron, Director, Regulatory, Nexen Marketing U.S.A. INC., 801 7th Avenue, SW., Calgary, AB T2P 3P7 Canada.

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 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, by accessing the program Web site at [http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity\\_imports\\_exports.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity_imports_exports.htm), or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at [Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-337]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Synergy Power Marketing, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Synergy Power Marketing, Inc. (Synergy) 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 February 19, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-8008).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On January 28, 2008, the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Synergy for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. Synergy, a power marketer with its principal place of business in Alberta, Canada, has requested an electricity export

authorization with a 5-year term. Synergy does not own or control any electric generation, transmission, or distribution assets, nor does it have a franchised service area. The electric energy which Synergy proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

Synergy requests that consideration of the application be expedited so that it may participate in the Alberta market that has recently experienced some supply uncertainty and price volatility. Specifically, Synergy requests that DOE rule on its application prior to March 1, 2008.

Synergy will arrange for the delivery of exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, Vermont Electric Power Company, and Vermont Electric Transmission Co.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Synergy 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 these proceedings 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission'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.

DOE has granted Synergy's request for expedited treatment of its application and shortened the public comment period to 15 days.

Comments on the Synergy application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-337. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Randall Dost, Sean Pinnell, Synergy Power Marketing, Inc., Ste 800, 2303 4th Street, Calgary, Alberta T2S 2S7 and Linda Williams, 518 Carolina Drive, Toccoa, GA 30577.

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 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, by accessing the program Web site at [http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity\\_imports\\_exports.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity_imports_exports.htm), or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at [Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance (NOTA)—DE-PS36-08GO98011, Solar America Initiative (SAI) Market Transformation: Solar America Showcases, FY 2008

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is accepting requests for Technical Assistance for large-scale, high-visibility solar installation projects that have the ability to impact the market for solar technologies through large project size, use of a novel solar technology, and/or use of a novel application for a solar technology. In addition, it is desired that the project be replicable or have replicable components. It is not expected that all projects will meet all of these parameters, but projects would ideally reflect some or most of these qualities. Large-scale installations may include photovoltaic, concentrating solar power, solar water heating, and solar space heating applications. Technical assistance will not be provided for research, product development, or early stage testing and evaluation of any technology or product. Solar America Showcases focus on providing support to projects in which a commercially-ready technology is to be installed in a large-scale application with full

financial project commitment already in place.

Any legal entity, to include private sector for-profit and non-profit organizations, State and local governments, and trade and other associations may request DOE Technical Assistance under this Notice, so long as the installation proposed by the organization, and for which the Technical Assistance will be provided, is located in the United States. Federal agencies are not permitted to request Technical Assistance under this Notice. Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) Contractors may not submit a request for Technical Assistance, may not participate as a team partner with any entity requesting Technical Assistance, and may not assist any entity with their submission of a request for Technical Assistance under this Notice. Nonprofit organizations described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engaged in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995 are not permitted to submit a request for Technical Assistance under this Notice.

Technical Assistance described under this Notice will be provided via a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DOE, the organization selected to receive the Technical Assistance, and the Technical Assistance Team Leader responsible for providing the Technical Assistance. A MOA is a collaborative agreement between the Federal Government and other parties to work together on a mutually beneficial activity. The MOA will detail the scope of the Technical Assistance activities, the forms of collaboration, the responsibilities of the partners to the Agreement, and the treatment of any potential intellectual property. Federal funding will not be provided to a partner under a MOA.

**DATES:** Requests for Technical Assistance must be submitted via the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site at <http://e-center.doe.gov/> by 03/12/2008 and 06/12/2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Note that this posting in the **Federal Register** is not the full announcement. Interested parties must download and follow the instructions in the full announcement which is available on the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) website. To locate the full Announcement, go to <http://e-center.doe.gov/>, click on "Browse Opportunities", scroll down to view DOE Financial Assistance Opportunities (Viewing "Opportunities by Contracting Activity" is