

that they meet the Criteria for Recognition. Recognition means that the Secretary considers the agency to be a reliable authority as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs it accredits that are encompassed within the scope of recognition she grants to the agency.

The following agencies will be reviewed during the Spring 2008 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

#### **Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies**

##### *Petitions for an Expansion of the Scope of Recognition*

1. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation in the United States of programs in practical nursing, and diploma, associate, baccalaureate and higher degree nurse education programs.) (Requested scope of recognition: The accreditation in the United States of programs in practical nursing, and diploma, associate, baccalaureate and higher degree nurse education programs, including those offered via distance education.)

##### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of programs in legal education that lead to the first professional degree in law, as well as freestanding law schools offering such programs. This recognition also extends to the Accreditation Committee of the Section of Legal Education (Accreditation Committee) for decisions involving continued accreditation (referred to by the agency as "approval") of law schools.)

2. American Board of Funeral Service Education, Committee on Accreditation (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of institutions and programs within the United States awarding diplomas, associate degrees and bachelor's degrees in funeral service or mortuary science, including accreditation of distance learning courses and programs offered by these programs and institutions.)

3. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation (Accreditation Candidate) throughout the United States of education programs in audiology and speech-language pathology leading to

the first professional or clinical degree at the master's or doctoral level, and the accreditation of these programs offered via distance education.)

4. Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation throughout the United States of graduate-level, four-year naturopathic medical education programs leading to the Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (N.M.D.) or Doctor of Naturopathy (N.D.)

5. Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, Commission on Accreditation (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of Montessori teacher education institutions and programs throughout the United States.)

6. National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (Current and requested scope of recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of postsecondary schools and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences and massage therapy.)

*Interim Reports* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition.)

1. Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., Accreditation Commission.

2. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges.

3. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities.

#### **State Agency Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education**

##### *Interim Reports*

1. Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools.

2. Pennsylvania State Board of Vocational Education.

#### **State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education**

##### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Montana State Board of Nursing.

2. North Dakota Board of Nursing.

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All petitions and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, Room 7126, MS 8509, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone (202) 219-7011 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, until May 16, 2008.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[OE Docket No. PP-335]**

### **Application for Presidential Permit; Loring BioEnergy, LLC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Loring BioEnergy, LLC, (LBE) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the United States border with Canada.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Jerry Pell (Program Office) at 202-586-3362 or via electronic mail at [Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov), or Michael T.

Skinker (Program Attorney) at 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On February 4, 2008, LBE, a Maine limited liability corporation, filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. LBE proposes to construct and operate a single-circuit 138-kilovolt (138-kV) electric transmission line from Limestone, Maine, to the border between the United States and Canada. The proposed transmission line is referred to in the application as a 138-kV AC Generator Lead. The proposed transmission facilities would extend from a new cogeneration facility to be constructed by LBE at the Loring Commerce Centre near Limestone, Maine (the site of the former Loring Air Force Base), located approximately five and one-half miles west of the U.S.-Canada border, cross the U.S.-Canada border, and extend approximately three and one-half miles east to connect to the New Brunswick electrical grid in Grand Falls Parish, New Brunswick, Canada. New Brunswick Power, an agency of the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, will construct the Canadian portion of the transmission facilities.

Since the restructuring of the electric industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the Federal Power Act and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order No. 888 (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission

Services by Public Utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, DOE invites comments on whether it would be appropriate to condition any Presidential permit issued in this proceeding on compliance with these open access principles.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments on 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 FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (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.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene, comments, or protests should also be filed directly with Hayes Gahagan, Vice President, Loring BioEnergy, LLC, 154 Development Drive, Suite G, Loring Commerce Centre, Limestone, ME 04750-6173.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action is in the public interest. In making that determination, DOE considers the environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, determines the project's impact on electric reliability by ascertaining whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions, and any other factors that DOE may also consider relevant to the public interest. Also, DOE must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded electronically at [http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity\\_imports\\_exports.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity_imports_exports.htm). Upon reaching the Electricity Import/Exports page, select "Pending Proceedings."

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Department of Energy (DOE) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2008 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The five sources are electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene.

**DATES: Effective Date:** The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective April 2, 2008 and will remain in effect until further notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 6291-6309) requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the determination of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. (42 U.S.C. 6293) These test procedures are found in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 430, subpart B.

Section 323(b) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be calculated from measurements of energy use in a representative average use cycle or period of use and from representative average unit costs of the energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)) The section further requires that DOE provide information to manufacturers regarding the representative average unit costs of energy. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) This cost information should be used by manufacturers to meet their obligations under section 323(c) of the Act. Most