

Future Enhancements To The ERIN System For Military And Overseas Voters:

- Give the military and overseas voters the ability to mark their ballots online before printing and returning the ballots by mail.

- Provide electronic delivery of state and local ballots, if authorized by state law.

- Make the federal ballots available to the voters 45 days before the election for subsequent federal elections.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-220-C]

Application To Export Electric Energy; NRG Power Marketing LLC

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

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: NRG Power Marketing LLC (NRGPML) 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 (FPA).

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before January 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to

Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) 202-586-5260.

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 May 3, 2000 the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-220, which authorized NRGPML to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using existing international transmission

facilities for a two-year term. DOE renewed the NRGPML export authorization two additional times; in Order No. EA-220-A on September 24, 2002 and in Order No. EA-220-B on August 23, 2005. Order No. EA-220-B expired on August 23, 2010. On September 15, 2010, NRGPML filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-220-B for an additional five-year term.

The electric energy that NRGPML proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by NRGPML have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

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 and received by DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the NRGPML application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-220-C. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Alan Johnson, NRG Power Marketing LLC, 211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after 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/permits_pending.htm, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at *Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov*.

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Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-191-D]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Sempra Energy Trading LLC

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

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Sempra Energy Trading LLC (SET) 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 (FPA).

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be filed and received by DOE on or before December 22, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) 202-586-5260.

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 November 10, 1998, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-191 which authorized Sempra Energy Trading Corp. (SETC) to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a two-year term as a power marketer using existing international transmission facilities. DOE renewed the SETC export authorization two additional times: on January 19, 2001 in Order No. EA-191-A and again on April 5, 2006 in Order No. EA-191-B. Order No. EA-191-B expired on November 5, 2010. On April

10, 2008, DOE issued Order No. EA-191-C, amending EA-191-B to authorize SETC to export under its new name, Sempra Energy Trading LLC (SET), under the same terms contained in Order No. EA-191-B. On October 12, 2010, SET filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-191-C for an additional five-year term.

On November 23, 2010, SET supplemented its application by requesting expedited treatment of their application. In its letter, SET indicated that due to an administrative oversight it had not applied to renew its authorization in sufficient time to allow for normal DOE processing. SET recognized that its authority to export electric energy to Canada had expired and asserted that it has not traded electric energy since expiration of Order No. EA-191-B and that it would not do so until and unless it received renewed authority to export at the conclusion of this proceeding. In response to SET's request for expedited treatment, DOE has shortened the public comment period to 15 days.

The electric energy that SET proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by SET have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

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 and received by DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the SET application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-191-D. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Ted Chila, Senior Vice President, Sempra Energy Trading LLC, 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, CT 06902. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after 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/permits_pending.htm, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Request for Comments on Helium-3 Use in the Oil and Natural Gas Well Logging Industry

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Oil and Natural Gas is seeking public comments on the volumes and uses of Helium-3 by the oil and gas well logging industry.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before 5 p.m. Eastern time on February 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit information by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: Edith.Allison@hq.doe.gov. Include "Helium-3 Request for Comments" in the subject line of the message.

Postal Mail: Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Room 3E-028, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Please submit one signed paper original.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Edith Allison, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Edith.Allison@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE Office of Oil and Natural Gas is responsible for allotting 1,000 liters of Helium-3 for use by the well logging industry in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 and for projecting the FY 2012 Helium-3 needs so that an industry allotment can be set aside for FY 2012. The Office of

Oil and Natural Gas seeks information to improve its understanding of the need for Helium-3 and the diversity of the user community so that it can tailor its allocation process to best support the efficient domestic production of oil and natural gas.

Background:

Helium-3 is a non-radioactive isotope of Helium that is a byproduct of the decay of Tritium. Its main use is for neutron detection devices used in scientific research, national security and oil and gas well logging. The US helium-3 stockpile, which is held by the DOE, is not adequate to meet the current demand. Therefore, DOE is considering an allotment process.

Allotment Process Considerations:

In developing its allotment process, DOE seeks information on the uses of Helium-3 by members of the oil and gas well logging industry. DOE seeks information, for example, on whether companies manufacture neutron detectors used by the well logging industry or wireline or Logging-While-Drilling tools incorporating neutron detectors, and whether companies purchase or lease logging tools that contain neutron detectors.

DOE also seeks information on the volumes of Helium-3 anticipated by the oil and gas well logging industry during the 2-year allotment under consideration by DOE. DOE seeks information on estimates of oil and gas required by companies for fiscal years 2011 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011) and 2012 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012).

DOE also seeks information on the recycling and reclamation of Helium-3 gas. DOE understands that Helium-3 gas can be recycled or reclaimed from many inoperable neutron detectors. DOE seeks information on whether companies plan to reclaim Helium-3 from malfunctioning devices and if so, how much Helium-3 companies anticipate reclaiming.

In allotting Helium-3, DOE would expect to give preference to devices for use in the United States. Therefore, DOE seeks information on how much companies' expected Helium-3 will be for devices used outside the United States.

Further Information on Submitting Information:

According to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit two copies: One copy of the document including all the information believed to be confidential and one copy of the document with the information believed to be confidential