

and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. Qualitative feedback means information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliable actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** of December 22, 2010 (75 FR 80542).

Below we provide the Department of Energy projected average estimates for the next three years:<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The 60-day notice included the following estimate of the aggregate burden hours for this generic clearance Federal-wide:

*Average Expected Annual Number of Activities:* 25,000.

*Average Number of Respondents per Activity:* 200.

*Annual Responses:* 5,000,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per request.

*Current Actions:* New collection of information.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Average Expected Annual Number of Activities:* 100.

*Respondents:* 2,220.

*Annual Responses:* 222,000.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per request.

*Average Minutes per Response:* 30.

*Burden hours:* 111,000.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

**Statutory Authority:** Due to the special circumstances regarding this initiative led by OIRA, there are no statutory authorities reported for this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-377]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; DC Energy Texas, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** DC Energy Texas, LLC (DCE Texas) has requested authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted to DOE and received on or before May 16, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed to: Lamont Jackson, 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

*Average Minutes per Response:* 30.

*Burden hours:* 2,500,000.

*Lamont.Jackson@hq.doe.gov*, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lamont Jackson (Program Office) 202-586-0808.

**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 March 18, 2011, DOE received an application from DCE Texas requesting authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico for five years as a power marketer. DCE Texas proposes to use existing authorized international electric transmission facilities that are appropriate for open access by third parties, including facilities that have been authorized but not yet constructed and placed into operation. Neither DCE Texas nor any of its affiliates owns, controls or operates any electric transmission facilities, nor do they hold a franchise service area for sale, distribution or transmission of electric energy.

The electric energy that DCE Texas proposes to export to Mexico 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 DCE Texas 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 DOE and must be received on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the DCE Texas application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-377. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Stephen C. Palmer, Alston & Bird, LLC, Atlantic Building, 950 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004-1404 and Joelle K. Ogg, General Counsel, DC Energy,

LLC, 8065 Leesburg Pike, sixth floor, Vienna, VA 22182. 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 have an adverse 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](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permits_pending.htm), or by emailing Odessa Hopkins at [Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 8, 2011.

**Anthony J. Como,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2230-044]

#### City and Borough of Sitka, AK; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Ready for Environmental Analysis, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, Protests, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Amendment of License.

b. *Project No.:* 2230-044.

c. *Date Filed:* November 23, 2010; supplemented by filings on March 10 and April 6, 2011.

d. *Applicant:* City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska.

e. *Name of Project:* Blue Lake Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on Sawmill Creek in the Borough of Sitka, Alaska. The project occupies federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service within the Tongass National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* City and Borough of Sitka, Electric Department, Attn: Christopher Brewton, Utility Director, 105 Jarvis Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907) 747-1870.

i. *FERC Contact:* Mr. Steven Sachs (202) 502-8666 or [Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov](mailto:Steven.Sachs@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project number (P-2230-044) on any comments, motions, recommendations, or terms and conditions filed.

k. *Description of Request:* The applicant proposes to increase the height of the project's concrete arch dam by 83 feet and to construct a new water intake in the reservoir 109 feet above the existing intake. The higher maximum reservoir elevation would inundate an additional 362 acres of Forest Service lands within the Tongass National Forest. The proposal also includes the construction of a new Blue Lake Unit powerhouse containing three 5.3 megawatt (MW) turbine-generator units near the existing powerhouse. Additionally, the Fish Valve Unit would be replaced with a new 1 MW turbine-generator unit and the 870 kilowatt Pulp Mill Feeder Unit would be decommissioned. The project's total installed capacity would change from an existing 7.5 MWs to 16.9 MWs. The licensee also proposes to construct a new underground surge chamber located about a quarter mile up the power conduit from the powerhouse on land owned by the licensee.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/>

*efiling.asp*. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:* Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents:* All filings must (1) Bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", "MOTION TO INTERVENE", "TERMS AND CONDITIONS" or "FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.