

(Alternative 5); and construction of dry-cooled concentrating solar power technology (Alternative 6). Alternative 7 proposes implementation of other renewable energy technologies and projects that are compatible with installation planning criteria and address potential future renewable energy, water, and waste technology actions at a programmatic level. As warranted, additional site-specific documentation supporting National Environmental Policy Act processes will occur prior to execution of individual facility construction activities.

The Final EIS also analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the No Action Alternative (Alternative 1) and the cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions.

In developing the Final EIS, the Army took into consideration the comments received on the Draft EIS. Included among the changes made since publication of the Draft EIS are the removal of site-specific locations for a proposed waste-to-energy plant and a commitment to conduct further analysis, should the Army consider pursuing this type of technology in the future.

The Final EIS addresses potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts from implementation of the Proposed Action. Impacts range from beneficial to no effect to significant. There could be significant impacts to air quality, vegetation, archeological sites, soils, land use, and traffic. Of these, all but land use (as a result of converting training land to developed land) and soils (disturbance of up to 300 acres for construction of concentrating solar power arrays) are anticipated to be mitigable to less than significant. Potentially beneficial impacts are projected for air quality, energy demand and generation, socioeconomics, water supply sources, water demand, and wastewater reuse. The Army has consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Texas and New Mexico State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribes, and other consulting parties to mitigate potential impacts to biological and cultural resources. The EIS identifies mitigation to lessen adverse impacts.

**Cooperating Agencies:** The US Air Force (Holloman Air Force Base [AFB]) is a cooperating agency on the Final EIS. Certain proposed projects considered in the alternatives evaluated could affect Holloman AFB units that use Fort Bliss ranges and airspace for training operations.

The U.S. Army plans to issue a Record of Decision following a 30-day waiting period beginning with the date of this notice. The Record of Decision will include final mitigation measures the Army will adopt.

Copies of the Final EIS are available at the following libraries: El Paso Main Library, Irving Schwartz Branch Library, Richard Burges Branch Library, and University of Texas at El Paso Library in El Paso, TX; Alamogordo Public Library in Alamogordo, NM; and, New Mexico State University Zuhl Library and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces, NM. The Final EIS may also be accessed at <http://ftblissnetzeroeis.net/index.html> or <https://www.bliss.army.mil/DPW/Environmental/EIS/Documents2.html>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Public Comment Period for the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee's Proposed Charter Amendments, Missouri River, United States

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee, referred to as MRRIC or the Committee, is seeking comments to its proposed Charter amendments on or before April 19, 2014. MRRIC has reached tentative consensus on three (3) proposed amendments to its Charter, originally approved on July 1, 2008. Prior to seeking final consensus and recommending the amendments to the Secretary for final adoption, the Corps of Engineers, on behalf of the Committee, seeks public comments on the following tentative recommendations:

(1) *Charter amendment 1:* Section V, "Membership and Representation of Interests," should be amended to specifically add the "Osage Nation" to the list of subsection (d) Tribes, as eligible for membership in the Committee.

*Background:* On August 9, 2013 the MRRIC Chair received a letter from Principal Chief Red Eagle of the Osage Nation requesting the Osage Nation

become a member of MRRIC. MRRIC discussed this request and reached tentative consensus in November 2013 on a recommendation to revise the MRRIC Charter to include the Osage Nation as a member of the Committee. The Osage Nation is a federally-recognized Tribe with land near the basin and historical ties to the Missouri River.

(2) *Charter amendment 2:* Section V, "Membership and Representation of Interests," subsection (e)(i) should be amended to indicate that there will be a maximum of twenty-nine (29) stakeholder members (rather than 28).

*Background:* The Committee discussed the original intention to invite an equal number of stakeholder members and Tribal members to serve on the Committee. To maintain this balance when adding the Osage Nation to MRRIC, the Committee reached tentative consensus in November 2013 on a recommendation to increase the number of stakeholder members from 28 to 29.

(3) *Charter amendment 3:* Section VII, "Roles, Responsibilities and Leadership" subsection (a)(iv) should be amended, striking the phrase "for no more than three (3) additional terms of one (1) year each" such that the amended language reads as:

iv. The Chair and Vice Chair will serve or be removed with the consensus of the Committee. The term of office of the Chair and Vice Chair will be one (1) year, with the opportunity for reappointment. Should a Committee member believe the Chair and/or Vice Chair are not performing in a fair and balanced manner, it is the responsibility of the member to raise his/her concerns to the Chair or to the full Committee for consideration.

*Background:* The Committee discussed the need for term limits on leadership and concluded that the ability to remove the Chair and Vice Chair with consensus of MRRIC is sufficient. The Committee also concluded that it was important to have a Chair with knowledge and familiarity of the Committee and its operations and consequently it may be difficult to find many individuals who best match the needs of MRRIC. The Chair's performance will continue to be evaluated by MRRIC annually. The Committee reached tentative consensus on this recommended amendment in February 2014.

**DATES:** All comments to this public notice should be submitted on or before April 19, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Mary

Roth, MRRIC Project Manager, 1616 Capitol Ave. Ste. 900, Omaha, NE 68102.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information about this public notice may be obtained by contacting Mary Roth, MRRIC Project Manager, (402) 995-2919 or via email at [Info@MRRIC.org](mailto:Info@MRRIC.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Secretary of the Army (Secretary) established the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee in 2008, as authorized by Section 5018 of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), to make recommendations and provide guidance on a study of the Missouri River and its tributaries and on the existing Missouri River recovery and mitigation plan. *Note: Work on the referenced Missouri River and tributaries study is currently suspended in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Sect. 114) signed by the President January 3, 2014.* The Committee provides a collaborative forum for the basin to come together and develop a shared vision and comprehensive plan for Missouri River recovery. The Committee helps guide the prioritization, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and adaption of recovery actions. The Committee includes broad stakeholder representation to ensure a comprehensive approach to Missouri River recovery implementation while providing for congressionally-authorized Missouri River project purposes and to ensure that public values are incorporated into the study and the recovery and mitigation plans.

*Comments:* This notice is provided to outline details of the above-described activity so this Committee may consider all pertinent public comments prior to final consensus and recommendation of the Charter amendments to the Secretary for final adoption. Any interested party is invited to submit written comments on any or all of the contemplated amendments on or before the public notice expiration date, April 19, 2014. Comments about the proposed amendments, both favorable and unfavorable, will be accepted and made part of the record and will receive consideration by the Committee in determining whether to amend its Charter. Comments should be provided to the individual listed in this public notice under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Reference:* Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee Charter, July 1, 2008; [http://moriverrecovery.usace.army.mil/mrrp/mrrp\\_pub\\_](http://moriverrecovery.usace.army.mil/mrrp/mrrp_pub_dev.download_documentation?p_file=425)

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For more information about the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee, visit: [www.MRRIC.org](http://www.MRRIC.org).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[OE Docket No. EA-391]**

**Application To Export Electric Energy; Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 6 LLC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 6 LLC (EESS-6) has applied for 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 motions to intervene must be submitted on or before April 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Michael L. Rodrigue, 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 [Michael.Rodrigue@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Rodrigue@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Rodrigue (Program Office) at 202-586-2942, or by email at [Michael.Rodrigue@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.Rodrigue@hq.doe.gov).

**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 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On February 25, 2014, DOE received an application from EESS-6 for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for five years as a power marketer using existing international transmission facilities. EESS-6 does not own any

electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area. EESS-6 states that it will make all of the necessary commercial arrangements and will obtain any and all of the required regulatory approvals in order to effect any power exports.

The electric energy that EESS-6 proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by EESS-6 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 be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the EESS-6 application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-391. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Will Szubielski, c/o Emera Energy Inc., 1223 Lower Water Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3S8 and Bonnie A. Suchman, Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004. 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 sufficiency of supply or 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://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at [Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov).