

subject to a negotiated royalty. DOE will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will grant the license if, after expiration of the 15-day notice period, and after consideration of any written responses to this notice, a determination is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c) that the license is in the public interest.

Issued: July 6, 2015.

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*Director, National Energy Technology Laboratory.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-412]

### Application for Presidential Permit; ITC Lake Erie Connector Project

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** ITC Lake Erie Connector LLC (ITC Lake Erie) 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 or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before August 17, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or motions to intervene should be addressed as follows: 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:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260 or via electronic mail at [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), Katherine Konieczny (Program Attorney) at 202-586-0503.

**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 (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On May 29, 2015, ITC Lake Erie filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential Permit. ITC Lake Erie has its principal place of business in Novi, Michigan. ITC Lake Erie is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Lake Erie Holdings LLC, which is,

though another entity, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp.

ITC Lake Erie proposes to construct and operate the ITC Lake Erie Connector Project (the project), a ± 320 kilovolt (kV) high-voltage direct current (HVDC) bi-directional electric transmission line that would originate Haldimand County, Ontario, Canada, and terminate in Erie County, Pennsylvania. The proposed project facilities would be capable of transmitting up to 1000 megawatts (MW) of power.

The U.S. portion of the proposed project would cross the U.S.-Canada border in Lake Erie as a submerged line, buried in the lake bed, and would run approximately 35.4 miles before reaching the shore on private property, west of Erie Bluffs Park. From the shore, the line would be buried underground for approximately 7.1 miles, along mostly roadway rights-of-way and terminate at the proposed Erie Converter Station. From the Erie Converter Station, a 345 kV alternating current (AC) transmission line would run approximately 1,900–3,000 feet (depending on final routing) underground and connect into the U.S. grid at the existing Erie West Substation owned by Penelec. The total length of the Project would be 72.4 miles, with the U.S. portion totaling about 42.5 miles.

The Project would be operated in accordance with the established engineering and technical criteria of the Independent System Operator of Ontario (IESO) and the PJM Interconnection (PJM). In the U.S., the Project would be placed under operational control of PJM.

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 may comment on this application by filing such comment at the address provided above. Any person seeking to become a party to this proceeding must file a motion to intervene at the address provided above in accordance with Rule 214 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Two copies of each comment or motion to intervene should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such motions to intervene also should be filed directly with: Andrew Jamieson, Counsel, ITC Holdings Corp., 27175 Energy Way, Novi, MI 48377, [ajamieson@itctransco.com](mailto:ajamieson@itctransco.com) AND John R. Staffier, Stunz, Davis & Staffier, P.C., 555 Twelfth Street NW., Suite 360, Washington, DC 20004, [jstaffier@sdatty.com](mailto:jstaffier@sdatty.com) AND Ellen S. Young, Stunz, Davis & Staffier, P.C., 555 Twelfth Street NW., Suite 360, Washington, DC 20004, [eyoung@sdatty.com](mailto:eyoung@sdatty.com).

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 concurrences 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, or by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/international-electricity-regulation-2>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 13, 2015.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www2.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 07/06/2015 Through 07/10/2015 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

*EIS No. 20150189, Draft, NOAA, MA, Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 08/31/2015, Contact: John K. Bullard 978-281-9135.*

*EIS No. 20150190, Draft, USFS, CA, Trestle Forest Health Project, Comment Period Ends: 08/31/2015, Contact: Jennifer Ebert 530-647-5382.*

*EIS No. 20150191, Draft, USACE, TX, Surface Coal and Lignite Mining in Texas, Comment Period Ends: 09/08/2015, Contact: Darvin Messer 817-886-1744.*

*EIS No. 20150192, Final Supplement, USN, GU, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Military Relocation (2012 Roadmap Adjustments), Review Period Ends: 08/17/2015, Contact: Joseph A. Campbell CAPT USN 703-602-3924.*

*EIS No. 20150193, Draft, BLM, UT, Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area Red Cliffs National Conservation Area Draft Amendment to the St. George Field Office Resource Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 10/15/2015, Contact: Keith Rigtrup 435-865-3063.*

*EIS No. 20150194, Draft, WAPA, CA, San Luis Transmission Project, Comment Period Ends: 08/31/2015, Contact: Donald Lash 916-353-4048.*

*EIS No. 20150195, Final Supplement, TVA, TN, Integrated Resource Plan, Review Period Ends: 08/17/2015, Contact: Charles P. Nicholson, 865-632-3582.*

*EIS No. 20150196, Draft Supplement, BR, CA, Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix, Comment Period Ends: 08/31/2015, Contact: Michelle Banonis 916-930-5676.*

*EIS No. 20150197, Final, USFS, CA, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Land Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 08/17/2015, Contact: Denise Downie 530-543-2683.*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20150180, Final, USFS, AZ, Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project, Review Period Ends: 08/10/2015, Contact: Erin Phelps 928-527-8240 Revision to FR Notice Published 07/02/2015; Correction to Review Period Ends 08/10/2015.*

*EIS No. 20150182, Final, VA, CA, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center Long Range Development Plan, Review Period Ends: 08/10/2015, Contact: Robin Flanagan 415-750-2049 Revision to FR Notice Published 07/10/2015; Correction to Review Period Ends: 08/10/2015.*

Dated: July 14, 2015.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0341; FRL-9930-83-OAR]

### Notice of Availability of the Environmental Protection Agency's Update of Two Chapters in the EPA Air Pollution Control Cost Manual; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that the period for providing public comments on the June 12, 2015, notice of data availability of the "Environmental Protection Agency's Update of Two Chapters in the EPA Air Pollution Control Cost Manual" is being extended by 30 days.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the notice of data availability published June 12, 2015 (80 FR 33515) is being

extended by 30 days to September 10, 2015, in order to provide the public additional time to submit comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the notice of data availability may be submitted to the EPA electronically, by mail, by facsimile or through hand delivery/courier. Please refer to the notice of data availability (80 FR 33515) for the addresses and detailed instructions. Publicly available documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection either electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0341. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying. The EPA has established the official public docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0341.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on the EPA Air Pollution Control Cost Manual update and how to submit comments, contact Mr. Larry Sorrels, Health and Environmental Impacts Division, Environmental Protection Agency, C439-02, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone number: (919) 541-5041; fax number: (919) 541-0839; email address: [sorrels.larry@epa.gov](mailto:sorrels.larry@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA received two requests to extend the comment period on the June 12, 2015, notice of data availability of the "Environmental Protection Agency's Update of Two Chapters in the EPA Air Pollution Control Cost Manual." Based on the evaluation of those requests and the level of interest in the notice of data availability, the EPA is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days. The public comment period will end on September 10, 2015, rather than August 11, 2015. This will ensure that the public has sufficient time to review and comment on all of the information available, including the notice of data availability and other materials in the docket.

Dated: July 9, 2015.

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*Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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