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Dated: March 17, 2016.

**Lynn B. Mahaffie,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Innovation, Delegated the Duties of Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-417]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; Tenaska Energía de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Tenaska Energía de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Applicant or TEM) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before April 21, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: 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 [ElectricityExports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:ElectricityExports@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**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 March 10, 2016, DOE received an application from TEM for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. TEM will be submitting an application requesting the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) authorization to make wholesale power sales at market-based rates. TEM will also register with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the PUCT).

In its application, TEM states that it does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that TEM proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant 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 and other filings concerning TEM's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-417. An additional copy is to be provided to Norma Iacovo, Tenaska Power Services Co., 1701 E. Lamar Blvd., Suite 100, Arlington, TX 76006 and Neil Levy, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20006.

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).

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**Christopher Lawrence,**

*Electricity Policy Analyst, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Extension of Comment Period; Invitation for Public Comment To Inform the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities

**AGENCY:** Fuel Cycle Technologies, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the comment period provided in the notice entitled "Invitation for Public Comment to Inform the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities" that appeared in the **Federal Register** of December 23, 2015. That notice announced that DOE is planning to design a consent-based siting process to establish an integrated waste management system to transport, store, and dispose of spent nuclear fuel

and high-level radioactive waste and requested comments by June 15, 2016. DOE is extending the comment period to July 31, 2016.

**DATES:** DOE is extending the comment period for the “Invitation for Public Comment to Inform the Design of a Consent-Based Siting Process for Nuclear Waste Storage and Disposal Facilities” to July 31, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit questions or comments by any of the following methods:

*Email:* Responses may be provided by email to [consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov](mailto:consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov). Please include “Response to IPC” in the subject line.

*Mail:* Responses may be provided by mail to the following address: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy, Response to IPC, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585.

*Fax:* Responses may be faxed to 202–586–0544. Please include “Response to IPC” on the fax cover page.

*Online:* Responses will be accepted online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for further information should be sent to [consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov](mailto:consentbasedsiting@hq.doe.gov). Please include “Question on IPC” in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Submitting Comments*

*Instructions:* Submit comments via any of the mechanisms set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Respondents are requested to provide the following information at the beginning of their response to this IPC:

State, tribal, community, organization, public or individual name;

State, tribal, community, organization, public or individual point of contact; and

Point of contact’s address, phone number, and email address.

If an email or phone number is included, it will allow the DOE to contact the commenter if questions or clarifications arise. No responses will be provided to commenters in regards to the disposition of their comments. All comments will be officially recorded without change or edit, including any personal information provided. Personal information (other than name) will be protected from public disclosure upon request.

Please identify your comments as responding to a specific question posed in the Invitation for Public Comment, if possible. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish. Any additional comments that do not address a particular question should be

included at the end of your response to this IPC as “Additional Comments.”

DOE would appreciate early input in order to identify initial interest and concerns, as well as any early opportunities. Amended or revised inputs from commenters are also welcome throughout the comment period to help DOE develop this process. Comments received after the closing date will be considered as the planning process progresses; however, the DOE is only able to ensure consideration of comments received on or before the closing date as the initial phase of the consent based siting process is developed. Subsequent comments and input will also be welcome as DOE views this as a core component of a phased and adaptive consent-based siting process.

*Privacy Act:* Data collected via the mechanisms listed above will not be protected from the public view in any way.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 9, 2016.

**Andrew Richards,**

*Chief of Staff, Office of Nuclear Energy,  
Department of Energy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission**

**[Project No. 1494–433]**

**Grand River Dam Authority; Notice of Request To Reduce Comment Period From 60 to 30 Days on Draft Amendment Application and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

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

a. *Application Type:* Request to reduce the comment period from 60 to 30 days for a draft amendment application to permanently modify the reservoir elevation rule curve under Article 401 of the project license.

b. *Project No:* 1494–433.

c. *Date Filed:* March 15, 2016.

d. *Applicant:* Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA).

e. *Name of Project:* Pensacola Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Grand River in Craig, Delaware, Mayes, and Ottawa Counties, Oklahoma.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Tamara Jahnke, Grand River Dam Authority, 226 West Dwain Willis Ave, P.O. Box 409, Vinita, OK 74301; telephone (918) 256–5545.

i. *FERC Contact:* B. Peter Yarrington, telephone (202) 502–6129 and email [peter.yarrington@ferc.gov](mailto:peter.yarrington@ferc.gov); or Linda Stewart, telephone (202) 502–6680 and email [linda.stewart@ferc.gov](mailto:linda.stewart@ferc.gov).

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 15 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. 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. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include the project number (P–1494–433).

k. *Description of Request:* On March 15, 2016, GRDA filed with the Commission: (1) A draft amendment application to permanently modify the reservoir elevation rule curve under Article 401 of the Pensacola Project for Grand Lake O’ the Cherokees, (2) a request for a temporary variance contained in the draft amendment application, and (3) a waiver request to reduce from 60 to 30 days the comment period for resource agencies, Indian tribes, and other stakeholders to provide comments on the draft amendment application mentioned above. The Commission’s regulations at 4.38(a)(7) require GRDA to provide resource agencies, Indian tribes, and other stakeholders 60 days to provide comments on the above draft amendment application. GRDA requests Commission approval of a 30-day comment period instead to expedite the Commission’s review of any final application filed with the Commission.

This notice solicits comments, motions to intervene, and protests on GRDA’s request to reduce the comment period from 60 to 30 days as discussed above. Comments on the draft application and temporary variance request contained in the draft application should be filed directly with