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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-314-B]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; BP Energy Company

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** BP Energy Company (BP Energy or Applicant) has applied to renew its 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 February 17, 2017.

**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 [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@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 May 3, 2012, DOE issued Order No. EA-314-A to BP Energy, which authorized the Applicant to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority

expires on February 21, 2017. On December 29, 2016, BP Energy filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-314 for an additional five-year term.

In its application, BP Energy states that it does not own or operate any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that BP Energy proposes to export to Mexico would be 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 BP Energy 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 BP Energy's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-314-B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to both Betsy Carr, BP America Inc., 201 Helios Way, Houston, TX 77079, and Eric Schubert, BP Energy Company, 201 Helios Way, Houston, TX 77079.

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Request for Information—Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development of Hydropower in Undeveloped Stream Reaches of the United States; Notice of Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

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

**SUMMARY:** On November 9, 2016, the Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO) within the Department of Energy (DOE) issued a request for information (RFI) in the **Federal Register** to invite input from the public regarding challenges and opportunities associated with hydropower development in undeveloped stream-reaches. The WPTO is reopening the comment period until February 10, 2017, to provide interested parties with additional time to submit comments.

**DATES:** Responses must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on Friday, February 10, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically to [HydroNextFOA@ee.doe.gov](mailto:HydroNextFOA@ee.doe.gov) as Microsoft Word (.docx) attachments to an email, and be no more than 6 pages in length, 12 point font, 1 inch margins. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25 MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Please include in the subject line "Comments for RFI". Only electronic responses will be accepted.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions may be directed to: Rajesh Dham, Water Power Technologies Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, Phone: (202) 287-6675, Email: [Rajesh.Dham@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Rajesh.Dham@ee.doe.gov).

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