

4. Clear indication of the specific question(s) to which you are responding.

Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically to CapitalConnector-RFI@hq.doe.gov, with the subject line “*Manufacturing Capital Connector*” no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on March 4, 2024. Responses must be provided as attachments to an email. It is recommended that attachments with file sizes exceeding 25 MB be compressed (*i.e.*, zipped) to ensure message delivery. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (*.docx) or Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf) attachment to the email, and *no more than 10 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. Only electronic responses will be accepted.*

Responses including confidential business information will be handled per guidance in section VII of this document.

A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed. MESC may engage in pre- and post-response conversations with interested parties.

VII. Confidential Business Information

Because information received in response to this RFI may be used to structure future programs and/or otherwise be made available to the public, *respondents are strongly advised NOT to include any information in their responses that might be considered business sensitive, proprietary, or otherwise confidential.*

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information that he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email two well-marked copies: One copy of the document marked “confidential” including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked “non-confidential” with the information believed to be confidential deleted. Failure to comply with these marking requirements may result in the disclosure of the unmarked information under the Freedom of Information Act or otherwise. The U.S. Government is not liable for the disclosure or use of unmarked information and may use or disclose such information for any purpose.

If your response contains confidential, proprietary, or privileged information, you must include a cover sheet marked as follows identifying the specific pages containing confidential, proprietary, or privileged information:

Notice of Restriction on Disclosure and Use of Data:

Pages [*list applicable pages*] of this response may contain confidential, proprietary, or privileged information that is exempt from public disclosure. Such information shall be used or disclosed only for the purposes described in this RFI. The Government may use or disclose any information that is not appropriately marked or otherwise restricted, regardless of source.

In addition, (1) the header and footer of every page that contains confidential, proprietary, or privileged information must be marked as follows: “Contains Confidential, Proprietary, or Privileged Information Exempt from Public Disclosure” and (2) every line and paragraph containing proprietary, privileged, or trade secret information must be clearly marked with [[double brackets]] or highlighting.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 6, 2024, by Giulia Siccardo, Director, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 6, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-465-A]

Application for Renewal of Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing LP

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing LP (the Applicant or BRTM) has applied for

renewed authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before March 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christina Gomer, (240) 474-2403, Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 CFR 205.300 *et seq.*). Sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)) transferred this regulatory authority, previously exercised by the now-defunct Federal Power Commission, to DOE.

Section 202(e) of the FPA provides that an entity which seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing that export (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On March 26, 2019, DOE issued Order No. EA-465, authorizing BRTM to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. On January 11, 2024, BRTM filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of their export authority for an additional five-year term. App. at 1.

According to the Application, Brookfield Energy Marketing LLC owns a 0.01 percent general partner interest in BRTM, and Brookfield Power New York Holding Corporation (BPNYHO) owns a 99.99 percent limited partner interest in BRTM. App. at 1. Brookfield Energy Market LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookfield Power US Holding America Company (BPUSHA). *Id.* BPNYHO is a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of BPUSHA. *Id.*

The Applicant states it does not “own or control any electric generation, transmission, or distribution facilities in the United States and does not have a franchise or service territory for the transmission, distribution or sale of

electricity.” App. at 3. However, the Applicant “operates as a wholesale marketer of electric energy and as electric energy agent to Brookfield Renewable, which owns companies regulated as public utilities under the FPA and companies owning qualifying facilities.” *Id.* BRTM notes it has “market-based rate authorization issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (‘FERC’) under Section 205 of the FPA.” *Id.*

The Applicant asserts that it “does not have a franchised service area and, consequently, has no native load obligations” and will purchase the electric energy that it exports from electric utilities, qualifying cogeneration facilities, qualifying small power production facilities, Independent System Operators, Regional Transmission Operators, or from other exempt wholesale generators. App. at 6. Therefore, BRTM contends that “the electric energy that will be sold to BRTM is surplus to the needs of the selling entities” and “will not impair the sufficiency of the electric energy supply within the United States.” *Id.* BRTM also states it will comply with existing industry procedures for obtaining transmission capacity and asserts the proposed transmission would not impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities subject to DOE’s jurisdiction. *Id.*

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. See App. at Exhibit C.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov*. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC’s) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov* in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning BRTM’s Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-465-A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to the Senior Director, Legal, Attn: EMR Legal, Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing LP, 200 Liberty Street, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10281, *EMRLegal@brookfieldrenewable.com*.

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

Copies of this Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/pending-applications-0> or by emailing *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov*.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 30, 2024, by Maria Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE **Federal Register** Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on February 6, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-498-A]

Application for Amended Authorization To Export Electric Energy; NRG Business Marketing LLC

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: NRG Business Marketing LLC (the Applicant or NRGBM), formerly known as Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC (DEBM), has applied for amended authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before February 26, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov*.

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On March 31, 2023, DEBM applied for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a term of five years. On September 13, 2023, DOE issued EA-498, granting DEBM its requested permission. See EA-498. On December 29, 2023, NRGBM filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) to amend the authorization to reflect DEBM’s name change to NRGBM. See App. at 1.

The Application states that on July 31, 2023, DEBM changed its name to NRGBM. App. at 1. NRGBM notes that “[t]his action was solely a name change” and there were “no changes to the corporate structure, governance, or ownership of the LLC.” *Id.* at 2. The Application reflects that the other information concerning the subject exports provided in DEBM’s initial application for authorization, approved in EA-497, remains unchanged. See *Id.* at 1-4.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov*. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of FERC’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at *Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov* in