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In FE Docket No. EA-247, AES NewEnergy proposes to export electric energy to Mexico and to arrange for the delivery of those exports to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national utility of Mexico. In FE Docket No. EA-248, AES NewEnergy proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company.

The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by AES NewEnergy, as more fully described in the applications, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to these applications should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the AES NewEnergy applications to export electric energy to Mexico and/or Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-247 and/or Docket EA-248, respectively. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Cathy Barron, AES NewEnergy, Inc., 535 Boylston Street, Top Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 and R. Michael Sweeney, Jr., Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Ste. 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the

reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Nuclear Security Administration, a separately organized agency within the Department of Energy (DOE), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials (hereafter referred to as the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS), and the dates and locations for public hearings to receive comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS. The principal activities at TA-18 involve research, design, development, construction, and application of experiments on nuclear criticality. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with relocating the TA-18 capabilities and materials to the following alternative locations: (1) A different site at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) (the preferred alternative) at Los Alamos, New Mexico; (2) the Nevada Test Site (NTS) near Las Vegas, Nevada; (3) the Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and (4) the Argonne National Laboratory-West (ANL-W) near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS also

evaluates the alternative of upgrading the existing facilities at TA-18, and the no-action alternative of maintaining the missions in the existing TA-18 facilities without upgrades.

**DATES:** Comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS are invited from the public. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS, comments must be received or postmarked by October 5, 2001. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Public hearings to discuss issues and receive comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS will be held in the vicinity of sites that may be affected by the proposed action. The public hearings, to be held September 11-19, 2001, will provide the public with an opportunity to present comments, ask questions, and discuss concerns with DOE/NNSA officials regarding the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS. The locations, dates, and times for these public hearings are identified in the Supplementary Information.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS or its Summary may be obtained upon request in writing (U.S. Department of Energy, TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS, Attn: Mr. Jay Rose, DP-42, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585), by fax (202-586-0467), by toll-free telephone (1-866-357-4345), or by E-mail (James.Rose@ns.doe.gov). Specific information regarding the public hearings can also be obtained by the means described above. Comments concerning the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS can also be submitted by the means described above. Please mark envelopes, faxes, and E-mail: "TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS Comments."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the NNSA NEPA process, please contact: Mr. Henry Garson, NEPA Compliance Officer for Defense Programs, U.S. DOE/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 30470. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. DOE, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NNSA is responsible for providing the Nation with nuclear weapons, ensuring the safety and reliability of those nuclear weapons, and supporting programs that reduce global nuclear proliferation. These missions are accomplished through the use of a core

team of highly trained nuclear experts. One of the major training facilities for these experts is located at TA-18 at LANL. The principal TA-18 activities are the design, construction, research, development, and applications of experiments on nuclear criticality.

The TA-18 buildings and infrastructure are near the end of their useful life, and action is required to assess alternatives for continuing these activities for the next 25 years. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS identifies siting options to assist the NNSA in determining a long-range strategy for maintaining nuclear criticality missions, infrastructure, and expertise currently residing at TA-18.

The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS evaluates the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with relocating the TA-18 mission to the following DOE sites: (1) A different site at LANL (the preferred alternative); (2) NTS; (3) SNL; and (4) ANL-W. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS also analyzes upgrading the TA-18 facilities at LANL and the no-action alternative of maintaining the operations at the current TA-18 location without upgrades.

The NNSA is inviting members of Congress, American Indian Tribal Governments, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, and the general public to provide comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS. The comment period runs until October 5, 2001. The Department will consider all comments received or postmarked by October 5, 2001, in preparing the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent

practicable. As part of the public comment period on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS, public hearings will be held as follows:

Argonne National Laboratory— West— September 11, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., The Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Blvd., Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

Nevada Test Site—September 13, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., U.S. DOE Nevada Operations Office Auditorium, 232 Energy Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89030.

Los Alamos National Laboratory— September 18, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Fuller Lodge, 2132 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Sandia National Laboratory—September 19, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m., Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 Second Street, NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102.

The TA-18 Relocation Final EIS is expected to be completed by December 31, 2001. A Record of Decision would be completed no sooner than 30 days after the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS is issued.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 14th day of August, 2001.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Fossil Energy**

[FE Docket No. 01-35-NG, 01-32-LNG and 01-36-NG]

**Mexicana de Cobre, S.A. de C.V., Williams Energy Marketing Trading Company, TX Energy Trading Company; Orders Granting and Amending Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during June 2001, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, including liquefied natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 10, 2001.

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Attachment

**APPENDIX—ORDERS GRANTING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS**

Order No.	Date Issued	Importer/Export FE Docket No.	Import volume	Exporter Volume	Comments
1697 .....	07-02-01	Mexicana De Cobre, S.A. DE C.V., 01-35-NG.	.....	17.2 Bcf .....	Export to Mexico beginning on April 27, 2001, and extending through April 26, 2003.
1698 .....	07-02-01	Williams Energy Marketing & Trade Company, 01-32-LNG.	160 Bcf .....	.....	Import LNG from Nigeria, Algeria, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, and Trinidad, over a two-year term beginning on the date of first delivery.
1699 .....	07-13-01	TXU Energy Trading Company, 01-36-NG.	.....	20 Bcf	Import and export a combined total from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on July 27, 2001, and extending through July 26, 2003.