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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 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions 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.

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Anthony J. Como,

Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-146]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Utility-Trade Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE

AGENCY: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Utility-Trade Corporation (UTC), a power marketer, has submitted an application to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before June 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinner (Program Attorney) 202-586-6667.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On April 29, 1997, UTC filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Canada, as a power

marketer, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. Specifically, UTC has proposed to transmit to Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and other suppliers within the U.S.

UTC would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the international transmission facilities, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters

Any persons desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application 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 such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies are to be filed directly with: James Keck, The Utility-Trade Corporation 1710, 140-4th Ave. SW., Calgary, Alberta T2P 3N3, Canada, Phone: (403) 531-2697 and Fax: (403) 531-2695.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 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 this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 7, 1997.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications; Integrated Renewable/Hydrogen System

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications Number DE-PS36-97GO10227.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), under authority of Section 2026 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, Public Law 102-486, and the Hydrogen Futures Act of 1996, Public Law 104-271, is interested in providing assistance for the development of renewable/hydrogen electric generation systems. The DOE will be requesting applications for industry to participate in cost-shared projects to integrate hydrogen production, storage, and utilization systems with electricity generated from existing or planned renewable sources. The goal of the solicitation is to provide DOE financial assistance for mid-term (5 to 10 years) renewable hydrogen system applications which may lead to the installation of larger-scale, privately-funded integrated systems. The development of these integrated hydrogen technologies should address the significant technical issues associated with hydrogen production, storage, and utilization technologies. Technology development plans that address key development milestones, performance goals, and specific subsystem design objectives need to be provided. Associated issues of intermittency, dispatchability, reliability, life cycle costs, and system integration of the renewable energy generation source also need to be addressed. It is expected that these systems include stand-alone or distributed electricity generation, as well as energy storage subsystems, in a deregulated utility environment. Consideration of such facilities and systems for use in remote, island, and village power applications is encouraged.

DOE will only make awards to recipients that are private-sector firms. The recipient can represent a consortium of entities. These consortia can include public entities, business partnerships, joint ventures, individual commercial firms, user groups (such as investor-owned or municipal electric utilities), or other business relationships between such organizations as profit or non-profit corporations, educational institutions, etc. All respondents must propose to cost-share at least 50% of the total project cost from non-federal

sources. Awards under this solicitation will be cooperative agreements, with a term of up to five years.

The project should be conducted in two phases. Phase I will include the development of a detailed business plan, development of a conceptual system design, and performance of any required hydrogen technology validation/testing. A Go/No-Go decision will be conducted jointly by the applicant and DOE at the end of Phase I to determine the merits of proceeding to Phase II. If justified, the project will proceed to Phase II, which will include the construction, testing, and initial operation of the renewable hydrogen system.

AVAILABILITY OF THE SOLICITATION: It is anticipated that the solicitation will be issued in June, 1997, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, DOE proposal evaluation criteria, and the proposal selection process for awards. Responses to the solicitation will be due 60 days after solicitation release. To obtain a copy of the solicitation once it is issued, submit a written request to the U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Attention: Mr. Matthew Barron, Contract Specialist. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Mr. Barron at (303) 275-4754. Solicitations may also be obtained electronically through the Golden Field Office Home Page at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicit.htm>, followed, within ten days, by written notification of receipt to Mr. Barron. All responsible sources may submit an application and all timely applications will be considered, subject to the limitations above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This announcement is also intended to encourage owners and operators of existing or planned renewable energy generation facilities to consider submitting applications for integrating hydrogen systems with their facilities. It is expected that employment of these integrated systems will lead to many benefits, including operational and environmental advantages. Such systems are limited to electrolysis and generation system technologies including fuel cells or generator sets, and aqueous/non-aqueous reversible fuel cell technologies that can be integrated with hydrogen storage for load-leveling applications in conjunction with electricity buying and selling strategies.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 6, 1997.

John W. Meeker,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

International Energy Agency Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will meet May 21-22, 1997, at the IEA's headquarters in Paris, France to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and the Standing Group on the Oil Market and at a meeting of the SEQ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Samuel M. Bradley, Acting Assistant General Counsel for International and Legal Policy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, 202-586-6738.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 252(c)(1)(A)(I) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6272(c)(1)(A)(I)), the following meeting notices are provided:

I. A meeting of the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) to the International Energy Agency (IEA) will be held on May 21, 1997, at the headquarters of the IEA, 9 rue de la Federation, Paris, France, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a joint meeting of the IEA's Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ) and Standing Group on the Oil Market (SOM). The agenda for the meeting is under the control of the SEQ and SOM. It is expected that they will adopt the following agenda:

1. Current Oil Market Situation
2. Refinery Flexibility: A Hidden Source of Oil Security?
3. The Chinese Energy Situation: Oil Demand in China
4. Asian Oil Outlook: An Overview

II. A meeting of the IAB will be held on May 21 and 22, 1997, at the IEA headquarters at the above address, beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m. on May 21. The purpose of this meeting is to permit attendance by representatives of U.S. company members of the IAB at a meeting of the SEQ which is scheduled for this time and location, including a preparatory encounter among

company representatives on May 21 from approximately 2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The agenda for the preparatory encounter among company representatives is to elicit views on the SEQ's agenda. The agenda for the SEQ meeting is under the control of the SEQ. It is expected the SEQ will adopt the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of Summary Record of the 89th Meeting
3. SEQ Work Program
 - The 1997 SEQ Work Program
 - The 1998 SEQ Work Program
4. Policy and Legislative Developments in Member Countries
 - Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA)
 - Report on U.S. Department of Energy Strategic Petroleum Reserve Study
 - Other Country Developments
5. Industry Advisory Board
 - Current and Planned IAB Activities
6. Future Strategies for IEA Emergency Reserves
7. Seminar on IEA Emergency Reserve Strategy
8. Emergency Response Reviews of IEA Countries
 - Spain
 - Portugal
 - Japan
 - Austria
 - Updated Schedule of Reviews
9. Review of SEQ Work Schedules
 - Results of Survey
10. Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Countries
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on October 1, 1996
 - Emergency Reserve and Net Import Situation of IEA Countries on January 1, 1997
11. Emergency Response Issues in IEA Candidate Countries
 - The Emergency Reserve Situation of IEA Candidate Countries
 - Report on Data Reporting by Candidate Countries
12. Emergency Data System and Related Questions
 - Based Period Final Consumption (BPFC)—Q495-Q396
 - BPFC—Q196-Q496
 - Monthly Oil Statistics (MOS) December 1996
 - MOS January 1997
 - MOS February 1997
 - Quarterly Oil Forecast—Q197-Q397
13. IEA Public Information in Oil Crises
14. Emergency Reference Guide
 - Update of Emergency Contact Points List
15. IEA Dispute Settlement Center
 - Panel of Arbitrators