

Title II Requirements Payments; Court Case Update; Results from the HAVA College Poll Worker Program; Election Day Data Collection Update. The Commission will also receive presentations on EAC Election Day Activities and other items. Presentations will include: Election Day at the EAC Office; Election Day Reports from the Field; Election Day Summary; EAC Plan of Action for 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-298]

Application To Export Electric Energy; ISO New England Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States 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 November 29, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Systems (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) 202-586-2793.

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 October 4, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from ISO-NE to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. ISO-NE is the private, non-profit Independent System Operator for New England. ISO-NE administers the New England electricity markets and operates the bulk electric power system in the New England region. ISO-NE is

responsible for protecting the short-term reliability of the New England control area, for administering competitive and efficient wholesale markets in New England, and for administering the New England Power Pool (NEPOOL) Open Access Transmission Tariff on behalf of the NEPOOL participants.

In its role as control area operator, ISO-NE administers electricity transactions entered into by the NEPOOL participants and is responsible for scheduling transmission service over the bulk power transmission and generating facilities in New England. The electricity transactions administered by ISO-NE include electricity exports to Canadian entities.

On March 24, 2004, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order granting Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) status to ISO-NE, subject to the fulfillment of certain requirements. In accordance with that order, ISO-NE will become the RTO for New England in the near future. In its application, ISO-NE states that commencement of its operations as the RTO will not have any substantive effect on the way it will administer electricity exports to Canada. In that regard, ISO-NE has requested that, if DOE grants its request in this proceeding, any order issued by DOE explicitly recognize the impending commencement of ISO-NE's operations as an RTO and provide for the continuation of its export authority once that conversion to an RTO occurs.

In its application ISO-NE requested that DOE expedite the processing of this application in order to have electricity export authority in place upon completion of the transition to the FERC-approved RTO. Accordingly, DOE has shortened the public comment period to 15 days.

ISO-NE proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by ISO-NE, 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 person 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 each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the ISO-NE application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-298. Additional copies are to be filed directly with James H. Douglass, Senior Regulatory Counsel, ISO New England Inc., One Sullivan Road, Holyoke, MA 01040-2841 and Perry D. Robinson, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 1000 South, Washington, DC 20005.

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, 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 or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.de.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. PP-85-3]

Application To Transfer Presidential Permit; Boliden Westmin (Canada) Limited and Boliden Power Limited

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Boliden Westmin (Canada) Limited (BWCL) and Boliden Power Limited (BPL) have jointly applied to transfer Presidential Permit PP-85-2 from BWCL to BPL.

DATES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before December 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Fossil Energy, FE-27, Forrestal Building, U.S.

Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038. Existing Presidential permits are not transferable or assignable. However, in the event of a proposed voluntary transfer of facilities, in accordance with the regulations at 10 CFR 205.323, the existing permit holder and the transferee are required to file a joint application with DOE that includes a statement of reasons for the transfer.

On October 20, 2004, BWCL and BPL, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Boliden AB, a Swedish Corporation, jointly filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) to transfer from BWCL to BPL the international transmission facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-85-2. The permitted facilities "loop" into and out of Canada, through the State of Alaska, and do not interconnect with the electricity delivery system of Alaska. No physical change to authorized facilities is expected. The facilities proposed to be transferred are described as:

One 35,000-volt (35-kV) alternating current transmission line which crosses the U.S. international border from British Columbia, Canada, passes through the State of Alaska, and re-enters British Columbia at a second point on the U.S. international border.

Procedural Matters: Any person 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 each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: W. S. Garton and Christopher Horte, Bull, Housser & Tupper, 3000-1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC, V6E 3R3, Canada.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy home page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy home page, select "Electricity Regulation" from the options menu, and then "Pending Proceedings."

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC04-574-001, FERC-574]

Commission Information Collection Activities, Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Submitted for OMB Review

November 5, 2004.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reinstatement of this information collection requirement. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission received no comments in response to an earlier **Federal Register** notice of August 20, 2004 (69 FR 51649-

50), and has made this notification in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by December 10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address comments on the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Comments to OMB should be filed electronically, c/o *Pamela L. Beverly@omb.eop.gov* and include the OMB Control No. as a point of reference. The Desk Officer may be reached by telephone at 202-395-4650. A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Executive Director, ED-30, Attention: Michael Miller, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments may be filed either in paper format or electronically. Those persons filing electronically do not need to make a paper filing. For paper filings, such comments should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426 and should refer to Docket No. IC04-574-001.

Documents filed electronically via the Internet must be prepared in WordPerfect, MS Word, Portable Document Format, or ASCII format. To file the document, access the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> and click on "Make an E-filing," and then follow the instructions for each screen. First time users will have to establish a user name and password. The Commission will send an automatic acknowledgment to the sender's e-mail address upon receipt of comments. User assistance for electronic filings is available at 202-502-8258 or by e-mail to efiling@ferc.gov. Comments should not be submitted to the e-mail address.

All comments are available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Miller may be reached by telephone at (202) 502-8415, by fax at (202) 273-0873, and by e-mail at michael.miller@ferc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: