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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Notice**

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing agenda.

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 26, 2005, 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Bartos Theater, 20 Ames Street (lower level), Cambridge, MA 02142-1308. (Massachusetts Bay Transit Station Stop: Kendall Square.)

Agenda: The Commission will conduct a public hearing to present proposed voluntary guidance to the states on implementing statewide voter registration databases and to solicit comments on that guidance from members of the election community and public.

The Commission will hear presentations by a panel of persons involved with the development of voter registration databases as well as a panel of persons who will use guidance on the databases.

EAC will provide a one-hour public comment period. Members of the public who wish to speak should contact EAC via e-mail at testimony@eac.gov, or via mail addressed to the U.S. Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202/566-3127. Comments will be strictly limited to 3 minutes per person or organization to assure that all constituent or stakeholder groups are represented. All speakers will be contacted prior to the hearing.

EAC also encourages members of the public to submit written testimony via e-mail, mail or fax. All public comments will be taken in writing via e-mail at testimony@eac.gov, or via mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission 1225 New York Ave, NW., Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005, or by fax at 202/566-3127.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

Ray Martinez III,

Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-273-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Rainy River Energy Corporation

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Rainy River Energy Corporation (Rainy River) has applied to renew its 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 May 9, 2005.

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: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) 202-586-4708 or Michael Skinker (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 March 24, 2003, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-273 authorizing Rainy River to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. That two year authorization will expire on March 24, 2005.

On March 14, 2005, Rainy River applied to FE to renew its authorization for a five-year term. Rainy River proposes to arrange for the delivery of exports over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities Company, 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, Vermont Electric Transmission Company.

The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Rainy River, 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 the DOE on or before the dates listed above.

Comments on the Rainy River application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-273-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Christopher D. Anderson, Counsel for Rainy River Energy Corporation, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802.

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.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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Anthony J. Como,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-301]

Application to Export Electric Energy; WPS Energy Service, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS ESI) 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 May 9, 2005.

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: Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202–586–9506 or Michael Skinker (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 March 16, 2005, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from WPS ESI to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. WPS ESI is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of WPS Resources Corporation (WPSR), an exempt public utility holding company. WPS ESI has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. The electric energy which WPS ESI proposes to export to Canada would be purchased from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies within the U.S.

WPS ESI proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, 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/Excel, Vermont 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 WPS ESI, 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 WPS ESI application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA–301. Additional copies are to

be filed directly with Ivan L. Henderson, WPS Energy Services, Inc., 600 Superior Ave. East, Cleveland, OH 44114 and Thomas McCann Mullooly, Esquire, Foley & Lardner LLP, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202–5306.

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 Procedures” from the options menus.

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Anthony J. Como,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL05–85–000]

Adrian Energy Associates, LLC, Cadillac Renewable Energy, LLC, Genesee Power Station, LP, Grayling Generating Station, LP, Hillman Power Company, LLC, T.E.S. Filer City Station, LP, Viking Energy of Lincoln, Inc., Viking Energy of McBain, Inc., Complainants, Michigan Public Service Commission, Commissioner J. Peter Lark, Commissioner Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner Laura Chapelle, Respondents; Notice of Complaint

March 31, 2005.

Take notice that on March 30, 2005, Adrian Energy Associates, LLC, Cadillac Renewable Energy, LLC, Genesee Power Station, LP, Grayling Generating Station, LP, Hillman Power Company, LLC, T.E.S. Filer City Station, LP, Viking Energy of Lincoln, Inc. and Viking Energy of McBain, Inc. (collectively, Michigan QFs), filed a formal complaint and petition against the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and Commissioner J. Peter Lark, Commissioner Robert B. Nelson, and Commissioner Laura Chapelle, alleging that:

1. The MPSC, in an opinion and order issued February 28, 2005, failed to implement and enforce the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), including 16 U.S.C. 824a–3(f) *et seq.* and the rules of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, including 18 CFR 292.401 *et seq.*;

2. The MPSC's February 28, 2005, opinion and order contravenes the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 824(b), the PURPA And the FERC rules; and

3. The MPSC's February 28, 2005, opinion and order improperly and unlawfully alters pre-existing Power Purchase Agreements, subjecting the Qualifying Facilities (QFs) to utility-type regulation in violation of 16 U.S.C. 824a–3(e)(1) and 18 CFR 292.602, and unlawfully discriminating against the QFs in violation of 16 U.S.C. 824e–3(b)(2) and 18 CFR 292.304.

The Michigan QFs certify that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the Michigan Public Service Commission, Commissioner J. Peter Lark, Commissioner Robert B. Nelson, and Commissioner Laura Chapelle as listed on the Commission's List of Corporate Officials.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protest must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the “eFiling” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the “eLibrary” link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an “eSubscription” link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC