

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****[OE Docket No. EA-331]****Application to Export Electric Energy; The Royal Bank of Scotland plc****AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (RBS) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before December 17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, *Mail Code:* OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On October 2, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from RBS for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer. RBS has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. RBS does not own or control any generation, transmission, or distribution assets, nor does it have a franchised service area. The electric energy which RBS proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the U.S.

RBS will arrange for the delivery of exports to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas & Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power & Light Company, Sharyland Utilities, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by RBS has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit

issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

DOE notes that RBS shall have no authority to export electricity to Mexico until the conclusion of this proceeding and the issuance of an order granting authority to export.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission'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 dates listed above.

Comments on the RBS application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-331. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Paul Stevelman, Esq., Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel, RBS Greenwich Capital, 600 Steamboat Road, Greenwich, CT 06830 AND Brian Chisling, Esq., Senior Counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017-3954.

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 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, by accessing the program Web site at [http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity\\_imports\\_exports.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/permitting/electricity_imports_exports.htm), or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at [Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Notice of Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of Energy Corridors in Eleven Western States and Notice of Public Hearings**

**AGENCIES:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE), Department of Energy (DOE) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior (DOI).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of Energy Corridors in Eleven Western States and Notice of Public Hearings.

**SUMMARY:** DOE and BLM of the DOI as co-lead agencies, and the U.S. Forest Service (FS) of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense (DOD), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) of the DOI as cooperating Federal Agencies (the Agencies) announce the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Designation of Energy Corridors in the 11 Western States (Draft PEIS) (DOE/EIS-0386) and the dates and locations for the public hearings to receive comments on the Draft PEIS.

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the State of Wyoming, and the Lincoln, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties and conservation districts in Wyoming are also cooperating agencies. The Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) are consulting agencies.

The Agencies prepared the Draft PEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations, 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, the DOE NEPA regulations, 10 CFR part 1021, and 10 CFR part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements, the BLM planning regulations, 43 CFR part 1600, and applicable FS planning regulations.

Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA 2005), Public Law 109-58, directs the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with FERC, States, tribal

or local units of governments, as appropriate, affected utility industries, and other interested persons, to designate, under their respective authorities, corridors for oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities on Federal land in the 11 contiguous Western States (as defined in section 103(o) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702(o))), perform any environmental reviews that may be required to complete the designation of such corridors, and incorporate the designated corridors into relevant agency land use and resource management plans or equivalent plans.

The 11 Western States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

**DATES:** The 90-day public comment period begins with the publication of the Notice of Availability of the Draft PEIS in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency and continues until February 14, 2008. See Supplementary Information section for meeting dates.

**ADDRESSES:** See Supplementary Information section for meeting addresses. Submit electronic comments and requests to speak at one of the public meetings on-line at <http://corridoreis.anl.gov>. Mail comments to: West-wide Energy Corridor Draft PEIS, Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue, Bldg. 900, Mailstop 4, Argonne, IL 60439; or fax comments toll-free to: 1-866-542-5904. Requests to speak at one of the meetings or for more information about the Draft PEIS may also be addressed to: Ms. LaVerne Kyriss, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, phone: 202-586-1056, facsimile: 202-586-8008, or electronic mail at [laverne.kyriss@hq.doe.gov](mailto:laverne.kyriss@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the proposed project contact Ms. LaVerne Kyriss as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; phone: 202-586-4600 or leave a message at 800-472-2756; facsimile: 202-586-7031.

For general information on the BLM's NEPA process, contact: Ron Montagna, (202) 452-7782, or KateWinthrop, (202)

452-5051, at: BLM, WO-350, MS 1000 LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Agencies invite interested Members of Congress, state and local governments, other Federal agencies, American Indian tribal governments, organizations, and members of the public to provide comments on the Draft PEIS. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight, and the agencies will consider all comments received or postmarked by February 14, 2008 in preparing the Final PEIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

#### Public Meetings

Public meeting dates and addresses are:

1. January 8, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Portland, OR: Doubletree Portland Lloyd Center, 1000 North West Multnomah and Sacramento, CA: California Energy Commission, 1516 Ninth Street.

2. January 10, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Seattle, WA: Renaissance Hotel Seattle, 515 Madison Street and Ontario, CA: Ayres Hotel and Suites, Ontario Airport/Convention Center, 1945 East Holt Boulevard.

3. January 15, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Phoenix, AZ: BLM Training Center, 9828 North 31st Avenue and Grand Junction, CO: Marriott Courtyard, 765 Horizon Drive.

4. January 17, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Las Vegas, NV: The Atomic Testing Museum, 1755 E. Flamingo Road and Salt Lake City, UT: Airport Hilton Hotel, 5151 Wiley Post Way.

5. January 23, 2008, 2 to 5 p.m., Window Rock, AZ: Navajo Education Center, Morgan Boulevard.

6. January 24, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Albuquerque, NM: Holiday Inn and Suites, 5050 Jefferson Street.

7. January 29, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Helena, MT: Best Western Helena Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Boulevard and Cheyenne, WY: Best Western Hitching Post Inn and Conference Center, 1700 West Lincoln Way.

8. January 31, 2008, 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m., Boise, ID: Best Western Vista Inn and Conference Center, 2645 Airport Way and Denver, CO: Holiday Inn Cherry Creek, 455 South Colorado Boulevard.

9. February 5, 2008, 2 to 4 p.m., Washington, DC: Embassy Suites Washington Convention Center, 900 10th Street, NW.

Requests to speak at a specific public hearing should be received by DOE as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section no

later than two business days before that hearing. Requests to speak may also be made at the time of registration for the hearing(s). However, persons who have submitted advance requests to speak will be given priority if time should be limited during the hearing. Please be aware that anthrax screening delays conventional mail delivery to DOE.

The Draft PEIS consists of a stand alone Summary, the PEIS Chapters (Volume 1, 567 pages), the PEIS Appendices (Volume 2, 400 pages), and Maps (Volume 3, 131 pages). The entire Draft PEIS is available online at <http://corridoreis.anl.gov> or on a CD-ROM. Requests for paper copies of the Draft PEIS, or additional copies in either format should be addressed to West-wide Energy Corridor Draft PEIS, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Building 900, Mailstop 4, Argonne, IL 60439. The Draft PEIS is also available on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa/docs/deis/deis.html>.

The Draft PEIS Volume 3 map atlas is printed on ledger-sized paper. The CD version of the Draft PEIS includes the map atlas in PDF format. The most powerful and flexible version of the map data is available on the project Web site (<http://corridoreis.anl.gov>). The Web site maps are available within a geographic information system (GIS) database that allows users to merge, enlarge, and view multiple map data layers. Software and instructions to use the GIS data are user friendly and available for free download from the public Web site.

The purpose and need for the Agencies' action is to implement EPA Section 368 by designating corridors for the preferred locations of future oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities and to incorporate the designated corridors into the relevant agency land use and resource management plans or equivalent plans.

Section 368 directs the Agencies to take into account the need for upgraded and new infrastructure and to take actions to improve reliability, relieve congestion, and enhance the capability of the national grid to deliver energy. This action only pertains to the designation of corridors for potential facilities on Federal lands located within the 11 Western States. In addition, this action is intended to improve coordination among the Agencies to increase the efficiency of using designated corridors.

In many areas of the United States, including the West, the infrastructure required to deliver energy has not always kept pace with growth in energy

demand. The Agencies hope to improve the delivery of energy in the West, while enhancing the western electric transmission grid for the future, by establishing a coordinated network of Federal energy corridors on Federal lands in the West. The Draft PEIS analyzes the environmental impacts of designating Federal energy corridors in 11 Western States, and incorporating those designations into relevant agency land use and resource management plans or equivalent plans.

The Draft PEIS analyzes two alternatives: A No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action to designate new and locally approved energy corridors (Proposed Action). Under the No Action Alternative, Federal energy corridors mandated by EPAct Section 368 would not be designated on Federal lands in the 11 Western States; the siting and development of energy

transport projects would continue under current agency procedures for granting rights-of-way (ROW), for which energy transport project applicants must satisfy the often disparate requirements of multiple agencies for the same project. There would be relatively little West-wide coordination for siting and permitting these projects to meet current and future energy needs in the 11 Western States.

Under the Proposed Action, the Agencies would designate and incorporate through relevant land use and resource management plans certain Federal energy corridors that would consist of existing, locally designated Federal energy corridors together with additional, newly designated energy corridors located on Federal land. These energy corridors would comprise a comprehensive, coordinated network of preferred locations for future energy

projects that could be developed to satisfy demand for energy. Under the Proposed Action, approximately 6,055 miles of Federal energy corridors would be designated for multimodal energy transmission and transportation in the 11 Western States. The energy corridors would typically be 3,500 feet wide, though the width may vary in certain areas because of environmental, topographic or management constraints. BLM, DOD, FS and USFWS would amend their respective land use or equivalent plans to incorporate the designated energy corridors; the amendments would be effective upon signing of a Record(s) of Decision. The designation of energy corridors under the Proposed Action would require the amendment of the following land management or equivalent plans.

**LAND USE OR EQUIVALENT PLANS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT BY DESIGNATING EPACT SECTION 368 ENERGY CORRIDORS ON FEDERAL LANDS IN THE 11 WESTERN STATES<sup>a b c</sup>**

State	Land use plan	Agency office(s)
Arizona .....	Arizona Strip RMP .....	BLM, Arizona Strip FO.
	Coronado NF LRMP .....	FS, Coronado NF.
	Glen Canyon NRA GMP .....	NPS, Glen Canyon NRA.
	Havasu NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan .....	USFWS, Lake Havasu NWR.
	Kaibab NF LRMP .....	FS, Kaibab NF.
	Kingman RMP .....	BLM, Kingman FO, Lake Havasu FO.
	Lake Havasu RMP .....	BLM, Lake Havasu FO.
	Lake Mead NRA GMP .....	NPS, Lake Mead NRA.
	Lower Gila North MFP .....	BLM, Hassayampa FO.
	Lower Gila South RMP .....	BLM, Hassayampa FO, Lower Sonoran FO.
	Phoenix RMP .....	BLM, Tucson FO, Hassayampa FO, Lower Sonoran FO.
	Prescott NF LRMP .....	FS, Prescott NF.
	Safford RMP .....	BLM, Safford FO, Tucson FO.
	Apache-Sitgreaves NF LRMP .....	FS, Apache-Sitgreaves NF.
	Tonto NF LRMP .....	FS, Tonto NF.
	Yuma Proving Ground INRMP .....	DOD, U.S. Army, Yuma Proving Ground.
	Yuma RMP .....	BLM, Yuma FO.
California .....	Alturas RMP .....	BLM, Alturas FO.
	Angeles NF LRMP .....	FS, Angeles NF.
	Arcata RMP .....	BLM, Arcata FO.
	Bishop RMP .....	BLM, Bishop FO.
	Caliente RMP .....	BLM, Bakersfield FO, Bishop FO, Ridgecrest FO.
	California Desert Conservation Area Plan .....	BLM, Barstow FO, El Centro FO, Lake Havasu FO, Needles FO, Ridgecrest FO, Palm Springs-South Coast FO.
	Proposed Eagle Lake RMP .....	BLM, Eagle Lake FO.
	China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station INRMP .....	DOD, U.S. Navy, China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.
	Cleveland NF LRMP .....	FS, Cleveland NF.
	Eastern San Diego RMP .....	BLM, El Centro FO.
	Havasu NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan .....	USFWS, Lake Havasu NWR.
	Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP .....	BLM, El Centro FO.
	Inyo NF LRMP .....	FS, Inyo NF.
	Klamath NF LRMP .....	FS, Klamath NF.
	Lassen NF LRMP .....	FS, Lassen NF.
	Modoc NF LRMP .....	FS, Modoc NF.
	Proposed Alturas RMP .....	BLM, Alturas FO.
	Redding RMP .....	BLM, Redding FO.
	San Bernadino NF LRMP .....	FS, San Bernadino NF.
	Shasta-Trinity NF LRMP .....	FS, Shasta-Trinity NF.
	Proposed Sierra RMP .....	BLM, Folsom FO.
	Six Rivers NF LRMP .....	FS, Six Rivers NF.
	South Coast RMP .....	BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast FO.
	Tahoe NF LRMP .....	FS, Tahoe NF.
	Proposed Surprise RMP .....	BLM, Surprise FO.
	Ukiah RMP .....	BLM, Ukiah FO.
Colorado .....	Arapaho-Roosevelt NF LRMP .....	FS, Arapaho-Roosevelt NF.

**LAND USE OR EQUIVALENT PLANS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT BY DESIGNATING EPACT SECTION 368 ENERGY  
CORRIDORS ON FEDERAL LANDS IN THE 11 WESTERN STATES<sup>a b c</sup>—Continued**

State	Land use plan	Agency office(s)
Idaho	Glenwood Springs RMP	BLM, Glenwood Springs FO.
	Grand Junction RMP	BLM, Grand Junction FO.
	Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison NF LRMP	FS, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison NF.
	Gunnison RMP	BLM, Gunnison FO.
	Kremmling RMP	BLM, Kremmling FO.
	Little Snake RMP	BLM, Little Snake FO.
	Curecanti NCA GMP	NPS, Curecanti NRA.
	Routt NF LRMP	FS, Medicine Bow and Routt NF, Thunder Basin NG.
	Royal Gorge RMP	BLM, Royal Gorge FO.
	Pike-San Isabel NF LRMP	FS, Pike-San Isabel NF.
	San Juan NF LRMP	FS, San Juan NF.
	San Juan/San Miguel RMP	BLM, Dolores FO, Uncompahgre FO.
	Uncompahgre Basin RMP	BLM, Uncompahgre FO.
	White River RMP	BLM, White River FO.
	Big Desert MFP	BLM, Upper Snake FO.
	Bruneau MFP	BLM, Bruneau FO.
	Cassia RMP	BLM, Burley FO.
	Coeur d'Alene RMP	BLM, Coeur d'Alene FO.
	Idaho Panhandle NF LRMP	FS, Idaho Panhandle NF.
	Jarbridge RMP	BLM, Bruneau FO, Four Rivers FO, Jarbridge FO.
	Kuna MFP	BLM, Four Rivers FO.
	Little Lost-Birch Creek MFP	BLM, Upper Snake FO.
	Malad MFP	BLM, Pocatello FO.
	Medicine Lodge RMP	BLM, Upper Snake FO.
	Monument RMP	BLM, Burley FO, Shoshone FO.
	Pocatello RMP	BLM, Pocatello FO.
Montana	Owyhee RMP	BLM, Four Rivers FO, Owyhee FO.
	Caribou-Targhee NF LRMP	FS, Caribou-Targhee NF.
	Twin Falls MFP	BLM, Burley FO.
	Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF LRMP	FS, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF.
	Billings RMP	BLM, Billings FO.
	Dillon RMP	BLM, Dillon FO.
	Garnet RMP	BLM, Missoula FO.
Nevada	Headwaters RMP	BLM, Butte FO.
	Lolo NF LRMP	FS, Lolo NF.
	Black Rock-High Rock NCA RMP	BLM, Winnemucca FO.
	Caliente MFP	BLM, Ely FO.
	Desert NWR CC Conservation Plan	USFWS, Desert NWR.
	Egan RMP	BLM, Ely FO.
	Elko RMP	BLM, Elko FO.
	Hawthorne Army Depot INRMP	DOD, U.S. Army, Hawthorne AD.
	Humboldt-Toiyabe NF LRMP	FS, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF.
	Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan.	BLM, Carson City FO.
	Lake Mead NRA GMP	NPS, Lake Mead NRA.
	Las Vegas RMP	BLM, Las Vegas FO.
	Nellis AFB Plan 126-4 INRMP	DOD, U.S. Air Force, Nellis AFB.
New Mexico	Paradise-Denio MFP	BLM, Winnemucca FO.
	Schell MFP	BLM, Ely FO.
	Sonoma Gerlach MFP	BLM, Winnemucca FO.
	Tonopah RMP	BLM, Battle Mountain FO.
	Tuledad/Homecamp MFP	BLM, Surprise FO.
	Wells RMP	BLM, Elko FO.
	Carlsbad RMP	BLM, Carlsbad FO.
	Farmington RMP	BLM, Farmington FO.
	Fort Bliss INRMP	DOD, U.S. Army, Fort Bliss.
	Mimbres RMP	BLM, Las Cruces DO.
	Rio Puerco RMP	BLM, Rio Puerco FO.
	Roswell RMP	BLM, Roswell FO.
	Sevilleta NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan	USFWS, Sevilleta NWR.
Oregon	Socorro RMP	BLM, Socorro FO.
	White Sands RMP	BLM, Las Cruces DO.
	Andrews-Steens RMP	BLM, Andrews FO.
	Baker RMP	BLM, Baker FO.
	Brothers-Lapine RMP	BLM, Central Oregon FO, Deschutes FO.
	Ochocco NF LRMP	FS, Ochocco NF.
	Deschutes NF LRMP	FS, Deschutes NF.
	Eugene RMP	BLM, Upper Willamette FO.
	Fremont NF LRMP	FS, Winema-Fremont NFs.
	Klamath Falls RMP	BLM, Klamath Falls FO.
	Klamath NF LRMP	FS, Klamath NF.

**LAND USE OR EQUIVALENT PLANS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT BY DESIGNATING EPACT SECTION 368 ENERGY CORRIDORS ON FEDERAL LANDS IN THE 11 WESTERN STATES<sup>a b c</sup>—Continued**

State	Land use plan	Agency office(s)
Utah .....	Lakeview RMP .....	BLM, Lakeview FO.
	Medford RMP .....	BLM, Ashland FO, Butte Falls FO, Glendale FO.
	Mt. Hood NF LRMP .....	FS, Mt. Hood NF.
	Roseburg RMP .....	BLM, South River FO, Swiftwater FO, Upper Willamette FO.
	Salem RMP .....	BLM, Cascades FO, Tillamook FO.
	Southeastern Oregon RMP .....	BLM, Jordan FO, Malheur FO.
	Three Rivers RMP .....	BLM, Three Rivers FO.
	Two Rivers RMP .....	BLM, Deschutes FO.
	Umatilla NF LRMP .....	FS, Umatilla NF.
	Upper Deschutes RMP .....	BLM, Deschutes FO.
	Winema NF LRMP .....	FS, Winema-Fremont NFs.
	Ashley NF LRMP .....	FS, Ashley NF.
	Beaver RMP .....	BLM, Kanab FO.
	CBGA .....	BLM, Cedar City FO.
	Book Cliffs RMP .....	BLM, Vernal FO.
	Wasatch-Cache NF LRMP .....	FS, Wasatch-Cache NF.
	Diamond Mountain RMP .....	BLM, Vernal FO.
	Dixie NF LRMP .....	FS, Dixie NF.
	Fishlake NF LRMP .....	FS, Fishlake NF.
	Grand RMP .....	BLM, Moab FO.
	Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan.	BLM, Grand Staircase-Escalante NM FO.
	House Range RMP .....	BLM, Fillmore FO.
	Mountain Valley MFP .....	BLM, Richfield FO.
	Paria MFP .....	BLM, Kanab FO.
	Pinyon MFP .....	BLM, Cedar City FO.
	Pony Express RMP .....	BLM, Salt Lake FO.
	Price River RMP .....	BLM, Price FO.
	San Juan RMP .....	BLM, Moab FO, Monticello FO.
	St. George (Dixie) RMP .....	BLM, St. George FO.
	Uinta NF LRMP .....	FS, Uinta NF.
	Vermillion MFP .....	BLM, Kanab FO.
	Warm Springs RMP .....	BLM, Fillmore FO.
	Zion MFP .....	BLM, Kanab FO.
Washington .....	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie NF LRMP .....	FS, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie NF.
Wyoming .....	Spokane RMP .....	BLM, Wenatchee FO.
	Wenatchee NF LRMP .....	FS, Wenatchee NF.
	Ashley NF LRMP .....	FS, Ashley NF.
	Cody RMP .....	BLM, Cody FO.
	Grass Creek RMP .....	BLM, Worland FO.
	Great Divide RMP .....	BLM, Rawlins FO.
	Green River RMP .....	BLM, Rock Springs FO.
	Kemmerer RMP .....	BLM, Kemmerer FO.
	Lander RMP .....	BLM, Lander FO.
	Thunder Basin National Grassland LRMP .....	FS, Medicine Bow and Routt NF, Thunder Basin NG.
	Platte River RMP .....	BLM, Casper FO.
	Washakie RMP .....	BLM, Worland FO.

<sup>a</sup> AFB = Air Force Base; BLM = Bureau of Land Management; CBGA = Cedar-Beaver-Garfield-Antimony; CCCP = Complex Comprehensive Conservation Plan; DO = district office; DOD = Department of Defense; FO = field office; FS = Forest Service; GMP = General Management Plan; INRMP = Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan; LMP = Land Management Plan; LRMP = Land and Resource Management Plan; MFP = Management Framework Plan; NCA = National Conservation Area; NF = National Forest; NM = National Monument; NG = National Grassland; NPS = National Park Service; NRA = National Recreation Area; NWR = National Wildlife Refuge; RAMP = Recreation Area Management Plan; RFP = Revised Forest Plan; RMP = Resource Management Plan; USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

<sup>b</sup> This list represents the most current plans. This list differs in some particulars from the list in the Draft PEIS, Vol. 2, which went to print prior to these changes. Since planning is dynamic and there may also be further changes in the locations of specific corridors, the Final PEIS may also include changes in this list.

<sup>c</sup> The PEIS identifies corridors through three national wildlife refuges, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Development on these refuges may only occur if the specific proposed project is determined to be compatible with refuge purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Existing refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan(s) may require amendment should a specific project be found compatible, and subsequent right-of-way permitting by the USFWS occur.

In addition to designating Federal energy corridors through these amendments, the Agencies would establish cooperative procedures to expedite the application process for energy projects proposed to be sited within these corridors.

Under the No Action Alternative, no Federal energy corridors would be designated pursuant to Section 368. The No Action alternative represents the status quo. Siting and development would continue, likely without coordination among the Agencies, under each agency's procedures for granting

ROW. It would be incorrect to assume that the No Action Alternative signifies that there will be no groundbreaking for energy projects at some point in the future.

Neither alternative authorizes site-specific energy transport projects. The Draft PEIS does not examine the

environmental impacts of specific projects or related ROW that may or may not at some point be proposed for the Federal energy corridors. These projects would be subject to individual, project-specific NEPA review at the siting stage.

Although actual environmental impacts must inevitably await proposals before being analyzed, the Agencies are preparing a PEIS at the designation stage because they believe it is an appropriate time to examine the region-wide environmental concerns. The Agencies expect that the PEIS will greatly assist subsequent, site-specific analyses for individual project proposals by allowing the Agencies to incorporate this PEIS into those later analyses.

#### Availability of the Draft PEIS

The Agencies distributed copies of the Draft PEIS to appropriate members of Congress, state and local government officials in the 11 Western States, American Indian tribal governments, and other Federal agencies, groups, and interested parties. Copies of the document may be obtained online at the project Web site or by contacting DOE as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Copies of the Draft PEIS are also available for inspection at the Agencies' affected field office locations (see list above) within the 11 Western States and at public libraries near public meeting locations. A list of these libraries is available on the project Web site.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 24, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**Docket No. CP08-13-000; Docket No. PF07-3-000**

#### Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC; Notice of Application

November 8, 2007.

Take notice that on October 31, 2007, Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC (FGS), 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite

4361, Houston, Texas 77002, filed an abbreviated application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Floridian Natural Gas Storage Project in Martin County, Florida; a blanket certificate to perform certain routine activities and operations; and a blanket certificate to provide open access storage services, all as more fully set forth in the application. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

FGS requests authorization to: (1) Construct, operate a natural gas storage facility in Martin County, Florida; (2) a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart G of Part 284 that will permit FGS to provide open-access firm and interruptible natural gas storage services on behalf of others in interstate commerce; (3) a blanket certificate pursuant to Subpart F Part 157 that will permit FGS to perform certain routine activities and operations; (4) authorization to provide the proposed storage services at market-based rates; and (5) approval of a *pro forma* FERC Gas Tariff, under which FGS will provide open-access gas storage services in interstate commerce.

FGS states that the project would be located on approximately 145 acres at the site of the former Florida Steel manufacturing facility, about two miles north of Indiantown in Martin County, Florida. FGS states that the project would include the initial construction of one nominal 190,000 m<sup>3</sup> liquified natural gas storage tank, liquefaction systems, vaporization systems and two parallel pipelines, one to receive gas and one to send out gas, both approximately four miles in length, that would connect the facility with the regional gas infrastructure, via an interconnection with Gulfstream Natural Gas System, L.L.C. and the Florida Power and Light Company 20-inch lateral that connects to Florida Gas Transmission Company's mainline system.

FGS proposes to construct the project in two phases. It is stated that upon planned commercial operation in late May 2011, Phase I of the project would

make available liquefied natural gas storage capacity of 4 Bcf, with a design sendout capacity of 400 MMscf/d and a design liquefaction rate of 50 MMscf/d. It is stated that Phase 2 of the project would involve the construction of a second, identical storage tank and additional liquefaction and vaporization capacity and commercial operation is anticipated no later than March 2016, but may be advanced to such earlier date as the market may require.

FGS requests that the Commission waive the requirements of (i) section 284.7(d)—the segmentation requirement; (ii) section 284.7(e) and 284.10 which impose requirements relating to the design of rates that are not applicable to market-based rates; (iii) section 260.2 and Part 201 concerning accounting and reporting requirements which are appropriate for a cost-of-service rate structure; (iv) partial waiver of section 284.12(a)(1)(iv) to the extent it requires compliance with the electronic data interchange standards established by NAESB; (v) exemption from Order Nos. 587-G and 587-L regarding the netting and trading of imbalances; (vi) the requirements of Part 358 concerning Standards of Conduct for transmission providers; and (vii) the "shipper must have title" policy for off-system capacity. In addition, FGS requests that the Commission waive the requirement to file Exhibits K, L, N and O because FGS is seeking authority to charge market-based rates, and Exhibit H because FGS's customers are responsible for their own gas. Also, FGS requests that the Commission waive the requirements of section 157.6(b)(8) and 157.20(c)(3) for projected cost-of-service data in advance of a Commission determination of appropriate rate treatment and updated cost data after new facilities are placed in service; and section 157.6(a)(3)(i) concerning the filing of certain exhibits in electronic format.

Any initial questions regarding FGS's proposal in this application should be directed to Joan M. Darby, Dickstein Shapiro LLP, 1825 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006, telephone: (202) 420-2200 or e-mail: [darby@dicksteinshapiro.com](mailto:darby@dicksteinshapiro.com) or J. Bradley Williams, Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 4361, Houston, Texas 77002, telephone: (800) 621-6843.

On January 10, 2007, the Commission staff granted FGS's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF07-3-000 to staff activities involving the project. Now, as of the filing of this application on October 31, 2007, the NEPA Pre-Filing