

**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 April 16, 2001, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-232 authorizing OGE to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a two-year term. That authority was renewed for a five-year term on August 13, 2003, in Order No. EA-232-A and will expire on August 13, 2008. On April 30, 2008, OGE filed an application with DOE to renew the export authority contained in Order No. EA-232-A for an additional five-year term.

OGE will arrange for the delivery of exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities currently owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, and Vermont Electric Transmission Co.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by OGE 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 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 date listed above.

Comments on the OGE application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-232-B. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Cary Metz, Senior Contracts Coordinator, and J. Brent Hagy, Senior Counsel, OGE Energy

Resources, Inc., 515 Central Park Drive, E460, Oklahoma City, OK 73034.

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 program's Home Page at <http://oe.energy.gov/permits.htm>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 6, 2008.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[OE Docket No. EA-340]**

**Application to Export Electric Energy; Saracen Energy Partners, LP**

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Saracen Energy Partners, LP (SEP) 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 June 9, 2008.

**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).

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On May 1, 2008, DOE received an application from SEP for authority to transmit electric energy from the United

States to Canada as a power marketer. SEP has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. SEP does not own any electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area. The electric energy which SEP proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

SEP proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities presently owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, 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 SEP was previously authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**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 comment, petition, and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the dates listed above.

All filings in this proceeding should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-340. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Allison P. Duensing, Assistant General Counsel, The Saracen Group of Companies, Five Greenway Plaza, Suite 1310, Houston, TX 77040 and Daniel E. Frank, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004-2415.

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 these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at <http://oe.energy.gov/permits.htm>, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at [odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 6, 2008.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Columbia Basin Fish Accords

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the ROD for the 2008 Columbia Basin Fish Accords (Accords) consistent with and tiered to the Fish and Wildlife Implementation Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0312, April 2003) and ROD (October 31, 2003). BPA has decided to enter into these agreements to help mitigate the impacts of the Federal Columbia River Power System on fish species, particularly salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act with projects that are expected to produce significant and measurable biological effects. Projects will be implemented throughout the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The Accords are 10-year agreements with four tribes, two states, and two other federal agencies. The Accords will provide greater certainty and stability to BPA's mitigation funding commitments and help BPA manage its financial risks. The Accords will also resolve some of the outstanding issues regarding BPA's compliance with its fish and wildlife mitigation and recovery responsibilities. The Accords will also help BPA meet its treaty and trust responsibilities to the tribes.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line, 1-800-622-4520. The ROD is also available on the BPA Web site, [http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/pubs/rods/2008/MOA\\_ROD.pdf](http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/pubs/rods/2008/MOA_ROD.pdf).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ackley, Bonneville Power Administration—KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621; toll-free telephone number 1-800-282-3713; fax number 503-230-5699; or e-mail [sjackley@bpa.gov](mailto:sjackley@bpa.gov).

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on May 2, 2008.

**Stephen J. Wright,**

*Administrator, and Chief Executive Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13014-000]

#### Agency Valley Hydro, LLC ; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Motions To Intervene, Protests, and Comments

May 2, 2008.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* Preliminary Permit.

b. *Project No.:* 13014-000.

c. *Date filed:* August 31, 2007.

d. *Applicant:* Agency Valley Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Agency Valley Dam Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Malheur River in Malheur County, Oregon. It would use the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Agency Valley Dam.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Brent L. Smith, COO, Symbiotics, LLC, P.O. Box 535, Rigby, ID 83442, (208) 745-0834.

i. *FERC Contact:* Robert Bell, (202) 502-4126.

j. *Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene:* 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-13014-000) on any comments or motions filed.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person in the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. *Description of Project:* The proposed project using the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Agency Valley Dam and operated in a run-of-river mode would consist of: (1) One 223-foot-long, 72-inch-diameter steel penstock; (2) a new powerhouse and switchyard; (3) one turbine/generator unit with an installed capacity of 2 megawatts; (4) a new 0.04-mile-long above ground 12.5-kilovolt transmission line extending from the switchyard to an interconnection point with the utility distribution system owned by Harney Electric Coop; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Agency Valley Dam Project would have an average annual generation of 4 gigawatt-hours.

l. 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, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail [FERCONLINESUPPORT@FERC.GOV](mailto:FERCONLINESUPPORT@FERC.GOV). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

m. *Competing Preliminary Permit*—Anyone desiring to file a competing application for preliminary permit for a proposed project must submit the competing application itself, or a notice of intent to file such an application, to the Commission on or before the specified comment date for the particular application (see 18 CFR 4.36). Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested person to file the competing preliminary permit application no later than 30 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing preliminary permit application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30 and 4.36.

n. *Competing Development Application*—Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a