

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html>.

4. **Performance Measures:** The purpose of the BIE program is to provide funds to institutions of higher education that enter into agreements with trade associations or businesses for one or both of the following purposes: to improve the academic teaching of the business curriculum at institutions of higher education and to conduct outreach activities that expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities.

The Department will use the following BIE measures to evaluate its success in meeting this objective:

Performance Measure 1: The number of outreach activities that are adopted or disseminated by grantees within a year, divided by the total number of BIE outreach activities conducted in the current reporting period.

Performance Measure 2: Percentage of BIE projects judged to be successful by the program officer, based on a review of information provided in annual performance reports.

Efficiency Measure: Cost per high-quality, successfully completed BIE project.

The Department will use information provided by grantees in their performance reports submitted via IRIS as the source of data for these measures. Reporting screens for institutions can be viewed at: <http://www.ieps-iris.org/iris/pdfs/BIE.pdf>.

VII. Agency Contact

For Further Information Contact: Ms. Tanyelle Richardson, International Education Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., room 6017, Washington, DC 20006-8521. Telephone: (202) 502-7626 or by e-mail: tanyelle.richardson@ed.gov.

If you use a TDD, call the FRS, toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

VIII. Other Information

Accessible Format: Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Daniel T. Madzelan, Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis for the Office of Postsecondary Education, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

Dated: November 12, 2009.

Daniel T. Madzelan,

Director, Forecasting and Policy Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request; Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 19, 2010. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible. Any extension of the comment period will be applicable to all interested parties.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Johanna Zetterberg, U.S. Department of Energy, EE-2K/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-1233, or by e-mail at johanna.zetterberg@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jody Barringer at jody.barringer@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program is a newly

established program authorized by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-140) and funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5). The program provides grants to states, territories, local governments and Native American tribal governments to fund programs that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and increase energy efficiency. The information collected will be used to track the recipients' activities, their progress in achieving program objectives, and funds expended (including expenditure rates). The information will also enable DOE to provide timely information on program activities and accomplishments to OMB, Congress and the public. The President's pledge of transparency and accountability in the expenditure of ARRA funds makes this information especially important.

This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. "New"; (2) Information Collection Request Title: "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Status Report;" (3) Type of Review: Regular Submission; (4) Purpose: To collect information on the status of grantee activities, expenditures, and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively, and expeditiously; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,357; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 28,284; (7) Estimated Time Required per Response: local governments/tribal governments—2 hours; states/territories—3 hours; (8) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 85,524; and (9) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: \$3,985.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Authority: Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), Public Law 110-140.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 5, 2009.

Cathy Zoi,

Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-275-B]

Application To Export Electric Energy; NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc.

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

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. (NorthPoint) 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 December 18, 2009.

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 202-586-8008).

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 8, 2003, DOE issued Order No. EA-275 authorizing NorthPoint to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using existing international electric transmission facilities for two years. On December 10, 2004, DOE issued Order No. EA-275-A, which renewed NorthPoint's authority for a five-year period, effective April 8, 2005. That authorization will expire on April 8, 2010. On November 2, 2009, NorthPoint filed an application with DOE to renew the export authority contained in Order

No. EA-275-A and has requested a ten-year term.

The electric energy which NorthPoint proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies and other entities within the United States. Each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by NorthPoint has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

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 date listed above.

Comments on the NorthPoint application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-275-B. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Douglas F. John and Elizabeth A. Zembruski, John & Hengerer, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC, 20036 and General Counsel of SaskPower—Law, Land and Regulatory Affairs, 2025 Victoria Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4P 0S1. 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/permits_pending.htm, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at Odessa.Hopkins@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 12, 2009.

Anthony J. Como,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket Nos. EA-247-C and 248-C]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.

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

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Under two separate applications, Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. (Constellation) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico and 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 December 18, 2009.

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 202-586-8008).

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

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On November 13, 2001, DOE issued Order No. EA-247 authorizing Constellation to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a two year period. DOE has twice renewed Constellation's authority to export. The most recent authorization, in Order No. EA-247-B, will expire on April 8, 2010. On October 27, 2009, Constellation applied to DOE to renew the authorization contained in Order No. EA-247-B for an additional five-year term.

On November 26, 2001, DOE issued Order No. EA-248 which authorized Constellation to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. That Order was also twice-renewed and will expire on April 8, 2010. On October 27, 2009, Constellation applied to DOE to renew the authorization contained in Order No. EA-247-B for an additional five-year term.