instructions for completing the application.

Under specific waiver options provided under the authority in 34 CFR § 607.3(b) (2), (3) and (6), an institution must provide evidence related to the number of students from low-income families that it served in base year 1994–95. The regulations define "low-income" as an amount that does not exceed 150 percent of the amount equal to the poverty level as established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, 34 CFR 607.3(c). For the purposes of this waiver provision, the following table sets forth the low-income levels for the various sizes of families:

BASE YEAR LOW-INCOME LEVELS

Size of family unit	Contiguous 48 States, the District of Co- lumbia, and outlying juris- dictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$7,360	\$9,200	\$8,470
2	9,840	12,300	11,320
3	12,320	15,400	14,170
4	14,800	18,500	17,020
5	17,280	21,600	19,870
6	19,760	24,700	22,720
7	22,240	27,800	25,570
8	24,720	30,900	28,420

For family units with more than eight members add the following amount for each additional family member: \$2,480 for the contiguous 48 states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$3,100 for Alaska; and \$2,850 for Hawaii.

The figures shown as low-income levels represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for determining poverty status. The Census levels were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register on February 10, 1994 (59 FR 6277–6278).

In reference to the waiver option specified in § 607.3(b)(4) of the regulations, information about "metropolitan statistical areas" may be obtained by requesting the *Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 1993,* order number PB93–192664, from the National Technical Information Services, Document sales, 5285 Port Royal Road,

Springfield, Virginia 22161, telephone number (703) 487–4650. There is a charge for this publication. For general information about "metropolitan statistical areas", institutions of higher education may contact the Strengthening Institutions Program Branch.

## **Applicable Regulations**

Regulations applicable to the eligibility process include: (a) the Strengthening Institutions Program Regulations in 34 CFR Part 607, as revised in the Federal Register on August 15, 1994 (59 FR 41914); (b) the Endowment Challenge Grant Program Regulations in 34 CFR Part 628; and (c) the Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 82, 85, and 86.

For Applications or Information Contact

Strengthening Institutions Program Branch, Division of Institutional Development, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., (Suite 600–C, Portals Building), Washington, DC 20202–5335.
Telephone: (202) 708–8839 or 708–8857. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260–9950; or on the Internet Gopher Server (at Gopher://gcs.ED.GOV/); or on the World Wide Web (at http://gcs.ed.gov). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

### **Program Authority**

20 U.S.C. 1057, 1059c and 1065a.

Dated: November 21, 1996.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[Docket No. EA-134]

Application To Export Electric Energy to Mexico; Arizona Public Service Company

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE. **AGENCY:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Arizona Public Service Company (APS), a regulated public utility, has submitted an application to export electric energy 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 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import & Export Activities (FE–52), Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202–287–5736).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202–586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–6667.

**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 November 12, 1996, APS filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to the Comision Federal de Electricidad (CFE), the national electric utility of Mexico, pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. Specifically, APS, has proposed to transmit to CFE electric energy purchased in the wholesale power marketplace, or when available, excess energy from its own system.

APS would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted to CFE over one or more of the following international transmission or subtransmission lines for which Presidential permits (PP) have been previously issued:

Owner	Location	Presidential voltage	Permit No.
San Diego Gas & Elect	Miguel, CAImperial Valley, CA	230 kV	PP-68.
El Paso Electric	Diablo, NM	115 kV	PP-92.
Central Power and Light	Ascarate, TX		PP-94.

Owner	Location	Presidential voltage	Permit No.
Comision Federal de Electricidad	Laredo, TX	138 kV	PP-57.

On November 17, 1995, in Order EA–104, APS was authorized to export electric energy to Mexico through the facilities of San Diego Gas and Electric Company. The energy to be exported was designated economy energy. By this application APS seeks a more broad authorization to include firm energy, if available.

In a related matter, on October 29, 1996, the Secretary of Energy signed Delegation Order No. 0204–163, which delegated and assigned to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) authority to carry out such functions vested in the Secretary to regulate access to, and the rates, terms and conditions for, transmission services over the facilities of the El Paso Electric Company (EPE). This authority was delegated to FERC for the sole purpose of authorizing FERC to take any actions necessary to effectuate open access transmission over the United States portion of EPE's electric transmission lines connecting the Diablo and Ascarate substations in the United States with the Insurgentes and Riverena substations in Mexico. Notice and a copy of the Delegation Order were published in the Federal Register on November 1st at 61 FR 56525.

In its application, APS also requested authority to transmit electric energy to CFE through a San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) owned 69-kV transmission line authorized in PP-49. On February 1, 1996, in Order PP-49-1, DOE amended the previously issued Presidential permit by authorizing SDG&E to remove the cross-border span and retain the U.S. portion of the facilities for domestic purposes to help increase reliability of service to regional customers in the U.S.

# **Procedural Matters**

Any persons 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 such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Dennis Beals, Manager, Bulk Power

Technical Services, Arizona Public Service Company, P.O. Box 53999, Station 9860, Phoenix, AZ 85072–3999 and Bruce A. Gardner, Esq., Senior Attorney, Arizona Public Service Company, P.O. Box 53999, Station 9820, Phoenix, AZ 85072–3507.

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 (NEPA), 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.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 21, 1996.

Anthony J. Como,

Manager, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy. **ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats.

**DATES:** Thursday, December 5, 1996 6:00 pm-9:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420–7855, fax: (303)420–7579.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

(1) Representatives from Rocky Flats will present and discuss information about cleanup plans and Rocky Flats' budget for fiscal year 1997. The cleanup plans are performance measures set by the Department of Energy for Kaiser-Hill, the contractor hired to complete cleanup work at the site.

(2) The Board will hear a presentation on the findings of a community needs assessment performed by the University of Colorado School of Nursing and the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment earlier this year. The purpose of the study was to identify concerns of the community around Rocky Flats with regard to health and safety issues during site cleanup. The final needs assessment report includes a series of recommendations for meeting the informational and health and safety needs of the community.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E–190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Public Reading Room located at the Board's office at 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021; telephone (303) 420–7855. Hours of operation for the Public Reading Room are 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Monday