

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act. In addition, NYISO is requesting expedited approval for their application.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 21, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (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 June 27, 2000, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from NYISO to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. NYISO is a not-for-profit New York corporation. NYISO does not own or control any electric power generation facilities, nor does it have a franchised electric power service area. NYISO does possess operational control over the transmission facilities in the state of New York. Those facilities continue to be owned by a group formerly known as the Member Systems of the New York Power Pool.

Two types of energy exports are proposed. First, in unforeseen circumstances, NYISO will make available emergency energy from its available generating capacity when a system emergency exists on Ontario's or Quebec's system or on the system of a third-party control area. A second type of energy export that may occur is an inadvertent energy transaction. Inadvertent energy is the difference between the actual metered energy interchange and the scheduled energy interchange between two adjacent control areas during transactions with Canada by others pursuant to their own export authority.

NYISO proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Long

Sault, Inc., New York Power Authority, and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by NYISO, 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 date listed above.

Comments on the NYISO application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-227. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael C. Calimano, Vice President Operations & Reliability, Rob Fernandez, General Counsel, New York Independent System Operator, Inc., 3890 Carman Road, Schenectady, NY 12303 AND Arnold H. Quint, Edwin G. Kichline, Hunton & Williams, 1900 K Street, NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20006.

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

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**Anthony J. Como,**

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

##### **Chicago Operations Office; Office of Science; Notice of Solicitation for Financial Assistance Applications for the Commercialization Assistance Program (CAP)**

**AGENCY:** DOE, Chicago Operations Office.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science (SC), announces its interest in receiving applications for financial assistance. The purpose of this solicitation is to invite applications from small businesses to provide individualized assistance to DOE SBIR Phase II financial assistance award recipients which will lead to the successful commercialization of products, services, or technology developed in the DOE SBIR Phase II program. The individualized assistance may include, but is not limited to, business related areas such as raising capital, preparing business plans, forecasts, product focusing, strategic partnering, and marketing.

**DATE:** Applications are to be received no later than August 8, 2000, and may be submitted any time prior to this deadline.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tonja L. Stokes, Acquisitions and Assistance Group, U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, by telephone at 630/252-2136, by facsimile at 630/252-5045, or by electronic mail at [tonja.stokes@ch.doe.gov](mailto:tonja.stokes@ch.doe.gov), or Renee L. Irwin by telephone at 630/252-2566, by facsimile at 630/252-5045, or by electronic mail at [renee.irwin@ch.doe.gov](mailto:renee.irwin@ch.doe.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Qualification and Evaluation Criteria**

This solicitation is a restricted eligibility solicitation which is limited to small businesses. For purposes of this solicitation, the definition of a small business may be found at Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 121.20 and may be viewed or downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html>. DOE plans to select for award the application(s) judged to be of the highest overall merit, with consideration given to the quality of the technical approach, company and personnel experience and qualifications, business evaluation, and cost factors.

**Application Submission**

The solicitation will be available on the internet on or about July 1, 2000 and may be accessed at the DOE Chicago Operations Office, Acquisition and Assistance Group home page at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/acq.htm> under the heading "Current Solicitations," Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00ER12245. Completed applications referencing Solicitation No. DE-SC02-00ER12245 must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Chicago Operations Office, Communications Center, Building 201, Room 168, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, IL 60439-4899, ATTN: Tonja L. Stokes, Acquisition and Assistance Group.

Issued in Argonne, Illinois on June 27, 2000.

**John D. Greenwood,**

*Group Manager, Acquisition and Assistance Group.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Wednesday, July 12, 2000, 10:30 am-4 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, East Salon Ballroom, 999 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-4427.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, or Richard Burrow, Deputy Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7092 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (The Board) is to provide the Secretary of Energy with essential independent advice and recommendations on issues of national importance. The Board and its subcommittees provide timely, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary of Energy on the Department's management reforms, research, development and technology activities, energy and national security

responsibilities, environmental cleanup activities, and economic issues relating to energy.

**Tentative Agenda**

The agenda for the July 12 meeting has not been finalized. However, the meeting will include a series of briefings and discussions on Department of Energy and Board activities. Members of the Public wishing to comment on issues before the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board will have an opportunity to address the Board during the afternoon period for public comment. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

**Public Participation**

In keeping with procedures, members of the public are welcome to observe the business of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and submit written comments or comment during the scheduled public comment period. The Chairman of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in the Chairman's judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its meeting in Washington, DC, the Board welcomes public comment. Members of the public will be heard in the order in which they sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The Board will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties. You may submit written comments to Betsy Mullins, Executive Director, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, AB-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to the late resolution of programmatic issues.

**Minutes**

A copy of the minutes and a transcript of the meeting will be made available for public review and copying approximately 30 days following the meeting at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190 Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Further information on the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board and its subcommittees may be found at the Board's web site, located at <http://www.hr.doe.gov/seab>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on June 29, 2000.

**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Laboratory Operations Board (LOB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation.

**NAME:** Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Laboratory Operations Board.

**DATES:** Thursday, July 13, 2000, 8:30 am-3:15 pm, eastern daylight time.

**ADDRESSES:** Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel, East Salon Ballroom, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard Burrow, Acting Executive Director, or Laurie Keaton, LOB Staff Director, Office of Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), US Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7162 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Laboratory Operations Board is to provide independent external advice to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the strategic direction of the Department's laboratories, the coordination of budget and policy issues affecting laboratory operations, and the reduction of unnecessary and counterproductive management burdens on the laboratories. The Laboratory Operations Board's goal is to facilitate the productive and cost-effective utilization of the Department's laboratory system and the application of best business practices.

**Tentative Agenda**

*Thursday, July 13, 2000*

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Co-Chairs Opening Remarks  
8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Strategic Information Management Study to Modernize the DOE's Corporate R&D Portfolio Management Environment  
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Management Initiatives at DOE Headquarters  
10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. National Nuclear Security Administration Laboratories—Work Relationships  
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lab Stories: Performance-Based Management  
2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Laboratory Infrastructure Modernization  
2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. LOB Work Plan  
2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Revisions to LOB Terms of Reference