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e. *Issues:* This DEIS will evaluate the potential impacts of the innovative submerged breakwater. The environmental analysis will incorporate the results of studies/surveys of environmental resources within the proposed project area and cumulative effects the proposed structure may produce.

f. *Scoping:* Scoping for the section 227 National Shoreline Erosion Control Development and Demonstration Project, 63rd Street, "Hotspot", Miami Beach, Date County, FL was initiated April 28, 2003, via letter. A scoping meeting and teleconference was held April 14, 2003, with interested resource agency participants. The proposed project area has been scoped for several previous Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and Environmental Assessments in the past. We invite the participation of affected Federal, State and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, other interested private organizations and the public.

g. *DEIS Preparation:* The forecasted completion date for the EIS and National Environmental Policy Act work is February 4, 2004.

Dated: May 1, 2003.

George M. Strain,

Acting Chief, Planning Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-232-A]

Application to Export Electric Energy; OGE Energy Resources, Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: OGE Energy Resources, Inc. (OERI) 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 16, 2003.

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: Xavier Puslowski (Program Office) (202) 586-4708 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 February 6, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from OERI to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. On April 16, 2001, OERI was issued an export authorization by DOE for a two year period. The authorization expired on April 16, 2003. On April 22, 2003, OERI applied to DOE for renewal of its application. OERI is an Oklahoma corporation created for the purposes of marketing electricity, natural gas and other energy commodities throughout North America. OERI will purchase the power to be exported from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies in the United States.

OERI proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities Co., Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by OERI, 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 OERI application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-232-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Patricia Horn, Esq., General Counsel, Enogex Inc., Suite 600, 515 Central Park Drive, Oklahoma City,

OK 73105 and Tyson L. Williams, Attorney, OEG Energy Resources, Inc. Suite 408 Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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 "Regulatory Programs," then "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 8, 2003.

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

Controlled Hydrogen Fleet and Infrastructure Demonstration and Validation Project

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Issuance of solicitation for financial assistance applications, solicitation number DE-PS36-03GO93010.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hydrogen, Fuel Cell, and Infrastructure Technologies of the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is soliciting financial assistance Applications with the objective of supporting industry efforts and the President's Hydrogen Fuel Initiative in developing a path to a hydrogen economy. DOE intends to provide financial support under provisions of the Hydrogen Future Act of 1996.

DATES: Issuance of the Solicitation is planned for May 5, 2003 with a closing date of August 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the Solicitation once it is issued, interested parties should access the DOE Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) Web site. The Solicitation can be obtained directly through IIPS at <http://e-center.doe.gov> by browsing opportunities by Program Office, Financial Assistance, Golden Field

Office, and then selecting this Solicitation number. DOE will not issue paper copies of the Solicitation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Damm, Contracting Officer, via facsimile to (303) 275-4788 or electronically to h2validation@go.doe.gov. Once the Solicitation is issued, all questions must be submitted through IIPS per the instructions contained in the Solicitation. Responses to questions will be posted on the IIPS Web site. Further information on DOE's Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies Program can be viewed at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under this Solicitation, DOE is soliciting Applications for Validation projects that include the testing, demonstration, and validation of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and infrastructure, and the required vehicle and infrastructure interfaces for complete system solutions. The Validation projects should also include a comprehensive safety plan, a program that enhances the development of codes and standards, and a comprehensive, integrated education and training campaign.

Awards under this Solicitation will be Cooperative Agreements, with a five-year Project Period. Teams under this Solicitation must include an automobile manufacturer and an energy company, with one of the two entities proposed as

the Applicant. DOE anticipates selecting three to five Applications for negotiation toward Award. Subject to the availability of annual congressional appropriations, the total cumulative DOE funding available under this Solicitation for all projects is anticipated to be between \$150 million and \$240 million. Applicant cost share is required in order to be considered for an Award under this Solicitation. The minimum required cost share varies with the type of Applicant and type of proposed project and will be specified in the Solicitation.

Issued in Golden, Colorado, on May 5, 2003.

Jerry L. Zimmer,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 03-15-NG, 03-14-NG, et al.]

H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc., PG&E Energy Trading-Gas Corporation, Cargill, Incorporated, Statoil Natural Gas LLC, Dartmouth Power Associates, Limited Partnership; Orders Granting Authority to Import and Export Natural Gas, Including Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during April 2003, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, including liquefied natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation), or on the electronic bulletin board at (202) 586-7853. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC on May 5th, 2003.

Clifford P. Tomaszewski,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import & Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

APPENDIX—ORDERS GRANTING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

[DOE/FE Authority]

| Order No. | Date issued | Importer/exporter FE Docket No. | Import volume | Export volume | Comments |
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| 1861 | 4-4-03 | H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc., 03-15-NG. | 200 Bcf | 200 Bcf | Import and export natural gas from and to Canada and Mexico, beginning on May 1, 2003, and extending through April 30, 2005. |
| 1862 | 4-4-03 | PG&E Energy Trading-Gas Corporation, 03-14-NG. | 100 Bcf | 100 Bcf | Import and export natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on July 1, 2003, and extending through June 31, 2005. |
| 1863 | 4-15-03 | Cargill, Incorporated 03-17-NG. | 1,500 Bcf | 500 Bcf | Import up to a combined total of natural gas from Canada and Mexico, and to export up to a combined total of natural gas to Canada and Mexico, beginning on April 15, 2003, and extending through April 14, 2005. |
| 1864 | 4-21-03 | Statoil Natural Gas LLC, 03-16-LNG. | 190 Bcf | | Import liquefied natural gas from various international sources, beginning on June 1, 2003, and extending through May 31, 2005. |
| 1865 | 4-28-03 | Dartmouth Power Associates Limited Partnership 03-18-NG. | 11.68 Bcf | | Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on May 7, 2003, and extending through May 6, 2005. |