

of the Secretary of the General Staff (MASG), 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996-1905 or faxed to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (845) 938-3214. Written statements must be received no later than five working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact is Ms. Deadra Ghostlaw, (845) 938-4200, [Deadra.Ghostlaw@us.army.mil](mailto:Deadra.Ghostlaw@us.army.mil).

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Partially Exclusive License of the United States Patent No. 7,824,569 B2, Issued November 2, 2010 Entitled: Soluble Salt Produced From a Biopolymer and a Process for Producing the Salt

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of a prospective partially exclusive license of the following U.S. Patent Application 12/243,084 Filed October 01, 2008 to Green and Grow, LLC for use of the biopolymer product as a natural soil amendment and seed coating that promotes more efficient growth of crops and vegetation.

**DATES:** Written objections must be filed not later than 15 days following publication of this announcement.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Attn: CEERD-OT (Ms. Bea Shahin), 2902 Newmark Drive, Champaign, IL 61822-1076.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bea Shahin (217) 373-7234, FAX (217) 373-7210, email [Bea.S.Shahin@usace.army.mil](mailto:Bea.S.Shahin@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This patent application claims a method by which a biologically-natural material can be produced in bioreactors and transformed for use as a dry solid. The resulting biopolymer material can be used in place of synthetic, petroleum-based polymers for soil amendment applications to achieve increased soil strength, reduced air transport, and

decreased soil erosion. During processing, the biopolymer also can be functionalized to improve its adsorption of heavy metals.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Proposed Reductions in Levels of Service at Locks and Dams on the Ouachita and Black Rivers

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** It is proposed that the hours of availability at Jonesville and Columbia Locks on the Ouachita and Black Rivers will be reduced from the current schedule of 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year to 18 hours per day, separated into two 9 hour periods, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., 7 days per week, 365 days per year. It is also proposed that the hours of availability at Felsenthal and H.K. Thatcher Locks on the Ouachita and Black Rivers will be reduced from the current schedule of 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year to 16 hours per day, separated into two 8 hour periods, 5 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Constrained funding and fiscal deficit have led to reduced operation and maintenance funding on the Ouachita/Black Waterway. The intended effect is to provide lock availability that matches existing lock usage and to help ensure that minimal dredging needs will be met. Pool levels will not be affected by change of operating hours.

**DATES:** Proposed implementation date is July 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Mr. James V. Ross, Chief, Operations Division, Vicksburg District, US Army Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183, or deliver them to Mr. Ross between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the address above. Comments received and other materials relevant to the proposed reduction in hours of lock availability will be posted on the Vicksburg District Web site, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Kidby at the Corps of Engineers

Headquarters in Washington, DC, by phone at 202-761-0250.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The legal authority for the regulation governing the use, administration, and navigation of the Ouachita and Black Rivers and Locks is Section 4 of the River and Harbor Act of August 18, 1894 (28 Stat. 362), as amended, which is codified at 33 U.S.C. Section 1. This statute requires the Secretary of the Army to "prescribe such regulations for the use, administration, and navigation of the navigable waters of the United States" as the Secretary determines may be required by public necessity. Reference 33 CFR Part 207.249, Ouachita and Black Rivers, Ark. and La., Mile 0.0 to Mile 338.0 (Camden, Ark.) above the mouth of the Black River; the Red River, La., Mile 6.7 (Junction of Red, Atchafalaya and Old Rivers) to Mile 276.0 (Shreveport, La.); use, administration, and navigation.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Submission for OMB Review; Office of Communications and Outreach; Presidential Scholars Program Application

**SUMMARY:** The United States Presidential Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply based on academic achievements on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) assessments, or on artistic merits based on participation in a national talent search.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04813. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should

be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Presidential Scholars Program Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 1860-0504.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 2,600.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 41,600.

*Abstract:* The United States Presidential Scholars Program is a national recognition program to honor outstanding graduating high school seniors. Candidates are invited to apply based on academic achievements on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) assessments, or on artistic merits based on participation in a national talent search.

The purpose of the information collection is to compile information about each student candidate who is applying (via the U.S. Presidential

Scholars Program Application) to be recognized as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in that year. Candidates are invited to apply via a selection process determined by the Commission on Presidential Scholars. Interested candidates submit applications to be processed and organized for review by a contractor. This information is evaluated first by an independent review committee, which selects some 560 semifinalists, and finally by the Commission on Presidential Scholars, which selects up to 141 Scholars. After this, the information is used for the development of student biographies, press releases, talking points for U.S. Department of Education and White House staff, and/or other publications or purposes. The information obtained through this collection is required to conduct the selection of each year's "class" of U.S. Presidential Scholars, as required by Executive Orders 11155 and 12158.

Dated: May 21, 2012.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-327-A]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; DC Energy, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** DC Energy, LLC (DC Energy) 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 (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before June 25, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office)

at 202-586-5260, or by email to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov).

**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 July 11, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-327 authorizing DC Energy to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term. The current export authority in Order No EA-327 will expire on July 11, 2012. On May 4, 2012, DC Energy filed an application with DOE for renewal of that authority for an additional ten-year term.

In its application, DC Energy states that "not any of its affiliates own, controls or operates any electric generation, electric distribution or transmission facilities \* \* \*" DC Energy states that the electric power proposed to be exported to Canada will be purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements and will be surplus to the system needs of the entities selling the power to DC Energy. The application also indicates that DC Energy is a power marketer authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to sell energy, capacity, and specified ancillary services at market-based rates.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by DC Energy have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the FERC Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the DC Energy application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 327-A. An additional