8. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Mexico.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION


Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Generic Application Package for Discretionary Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 et seq.), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting Docket ID number ED–2014–ICCD–0102 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDOcketMgr@ed.gov. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will only accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the regulations.gov site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LB] Mailstop L–OM–2–2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreda Pettiford, 202–245–6110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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: Generic Application Package for Discretionary Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 1894–0006.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 9,861.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 447,089.

Abstract: The Department is requesting an extension of the approval for the Generic Application Package that numerous ED discretionary grant programs use to provide to applicants the forms and information needed to apply for new grants under those grant program competitions. The Department will use this Generic Application package for discretionary grant programs that: (1) Use the standard ED or Federal-wide grant application forms and the use of ED application packages. Dated: June 30, 2014.

Stephanie Valentine,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 13–157–CNG]

Emera CNG LLC; Application for Long-Term Authorization To Export Compressed Natural Gas Produced From Domestic Natural Gas Resources to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries for a 20-Year Period

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application) filed on November 20, 2013, by Emera CNG, LLC (Emera) requesting long-term authorization to export compressed natural gas (CNG) produced from domestic sources in a volume equivalent to approximately 9.125 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas, or 0.025 Bcf per day (Bcf/d). Emera seeks authorization to export the CNG by vessel from a proposed CNG compression and loading facility (Facility) to be located at the Port of Palm Beach, in Riviera Beach, Florida. Emera seeks to export the CNG solely on its own behalf for a 20-year term, commencing on the earlier of the date of first export or five years from the date the authorization is issued.

In the portion of Emera’s Application subject to this Notice, Emera requests authorization to export this CNG to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (non-FTA countries), and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. This Application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, and written comments are to be filed using

As discussed below, Emera informed DOE/FE by letter dated May 2, 2014, that it seeks authority to export CNG by waterborne vessel only, not also by truck, as the Application stated. See Ltr. from Dan Muldoon, President of Emera, to John Anderson, U.S. Dept of Energy, FE Docket No. 13–157–CNG (May 2, 2014) [hereinafter Emera Ltr.].
procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Electronic Filing by email: fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Regular Mail

Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
Applicant. Emera is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in West Palm Beach, Florida. Emera is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Emera Incorporated (Emera Inc.), a corporation formed under the laws of the province of Nova Scotia, Canada, with its principal place of business in Nova Scotia, Canada. According to Emera, Emera Inc. is a publicly traded energy and services company that, in relevant part, owns and operates or has an interest in electric utilities in four Caribbean countries: the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, and St. Lucia.

Procedural History. In the portion of the Application not subject to this Notice, Emera sought long-term authorization to export the same volume of CNG to any country with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a FTA requiring the national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (FTA countries). DOE/FE reviewed that portion of the Application separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. 717b(c), and issued an order granting the FTA export authorization on June 13, 2014, in DOE/FE Order No. 3447.

Emera seeks long-term authorization to export CNG to any permitted destination, the primary purpose of the project is to fuel power generation facilities owned by an Emera affiliate, Grand Bahama Power Company (GBPC), located on the island of Grand Bahama. Emera states that its parent company, Emera Inc., owns 80.4 percent of GBPC, and that GBPC is a vertically integrated utility with a gross installed generating capacity of 102 megawatts. Emera anticipates having a number of potential customers for the proposed exports, all of whom are expected to be located within the Caribbean. Specifically, Emera states that it expects to enter into a long-term contract to supply gas to GBPC. Under the terms of that anticipated agreement, CNG from the Facility will be transported approximately 75 nautical miles from the Port of Palm Beach to an unloading and decompression facility in Freeport, Grand Bahama. In Freeport, the natural gas pressure vessels will be unloaded from the carrier, and the gas will pass through a decompression station. The decompressed gas will be transported via pipeline to local power plant(s) owned and operated by GBPC for use in electricity generation. According to Emera, there will be an opportunity for other companies operating in Freeport in close proximity to the pipeline to utilize the exported gas.

Emera commits to observing all DOE/FE reporting requirements for exports. Citing DOE/FE precedent, Emera

The United States currently has FTAs requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas with Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, and Singapore. FTAs with Israel and Costa Rica do not require national treatment for trade in natural gas.

Emera states that it expects to export CNG to any country with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a FTA requiring the national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (FTA countries).

Emera anticipates having a number of potential customers for the proposed exports, all of whom are expected to be located within the Caribbean.

Emera states that its parent company, Emera Inc., owns 80.4 percent of GBPC, and that GBPC is a vertically integrated utility with a gross installed generating capacity of 102 megawatts.

Emera anticipates having a number of potential customers for the proposed exports, all of whom are expected to be located within the Caribbean. Specifically, Emera states that it expects to enter into a long-term contract to supply gas to GBPC. Under the terms of that anticipated agreement, CNG from the Facility will be transported approximately 75 nautical miles from the Port of Palm Beach to an unloading and decompression facility in Freeport, Grand Bahama. In Freeport, the natural gas pressure vessels will be unloaded from the carrier, and the gas will pass through a decompression station. The decompressed gas will be transported via pipeline to local power plant(s) owned and operated by GBPC for use in electricity generation. According to Emera, there will be an opportunity for other companies operating in Freeport in close proximity to the pipeline to utilize the exported gas.

Emera commits to observing all DOE/FE reporting requirements for exports. Citing DOE/FE precedent, Emera
committed to filing a copy of any relevant long-term commercial agreements (including the anticipated contract with GBPC) within 30 days of the agreement(s) being executed, including both a non-redacted copy for filing under seal and either a redacted version of the contract or major provisions of the contract for public posting.

Emera states that the natural gas supplying the proposed exports will come from domestic natural gas markets. As noted above, the Facility will be directly connected to the Riviera Lateral—the intrastate natural gas pipeline owned and operated by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. which, in turn, is regulated by the Florida Pipeline Service Commission. Emera states that Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. is connected to Florida Gas Transmission Corporation, an interstate pipeline regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Emera requests that DOE/FE consider the Application outside of DOE/FE’s existing Order of Precedence for processing applications requesting authorization to export LNG to non-FTA countries. Emera states that its Application is distinguishable from other pending non-FTA LNG export applications for several reasons, including the smaller volume of natural gas proposed for export, which Emera states will not have any detectable impact on the domestic natural gas market.

Public Interest Considerations

Emera states that a grant of the Application will serve the public interest in several respects. First, in discussing the economic impacts of the proposed exports, Emera describes the two-part 2012 LNG Export Study commissioned by DOE/FE to study the economic impacts of natural gas exports. Emera states that the second part of the study conducted by NERA found that the United States would experience net economic benefits from exports of LNG, with the level of benefits increasing as the quantity of exports increases. Emera asserts that its proposed exports also will provide economic benefits to the U.S. economy. Specifically, Emera asserts that its proposed export level is de minimis compared to the quantities of natural gas studied in the 2012 LNG Export Study, but that its proposed exports and the Facility itself nonetheless will have a positive economic impact, consistent with NERA’s findings. According to Emera, the quantity of natural gas to be exported is approximately 0.036% of all domestic consumption based on 2012 data, and thus is so minimal as to have no practical impact on natural gas prices or supply in the United States.

Emera further states that its proposed exports will have a more significant effect on the regional level. According to Emera, the construction and operation of the Facility will benefit the economy of Palm Beach County, Florida, by enhancing the value of existing pipeline infrastructure, adding to the local property tax base, creating jobs, and increasing overall economic activity and value in the region.

Second, citing the positive international impacts associated with the proposed exports, Emera states that the Facility will foster good trade relations with the Bahamas and benefit Bahamian development, consistent with U.S. policy under the Caribbean Basin Initiative. According to Emera, exporting domestic CNG from the United States would introduce an alternative to the island that would support the conversion of existing power generating stations from heavy fuel oil to natural gas.

Third, addressing the supply impacts of the proposed exports, Emera states that the quantity of exports proposed by Emera (0.025 Bcf/d of CNG) represents only 0.4% of the quantity of natural gas previously approved for export to non-FTA countries. Emera asserts that exporting this quantity of natural gas will have no detectable impact on natural gas prices in the United States or on the security of domestic supply.

Finally, Emera asserts that, in addition to stabilizing electricity rates in the area, exports of CNG to the Bahamas would have significant positive environmental impacts through the reduction of emissions of fuel oil and diesel-burning electric generators, including emissions of greenhouse gases.

Additional details can be found in Emera’s Application, which is posted on the DOE/FE Web site at: http://energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation/authorizations/2013-applications/Emera_CNG_LLCC_13-157-CNG.html.

Environmental Impact

Emera asserts that the proposed Facility is not subject to FERC’s jurisdictional authority under NGA section 3, and therefore Emera is not required to seek FERC approval of the Facility’s construction under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.11

11 DOE/FE takes administrative notice that Emera has petitioned FERC for a declaratory order stating that the proposed construction of the Facility and the planned export of CNG from the Facility via ocean-going carrier are not subject to FERC’s jurisdiction under section 3 of the NGA. 15 U.S.C. 717. See Emera CNG, LLC, Petition for Declaratory Order Disclaiming Jurisdiction and Request for Expedited Action, Docket No. CP14–114–000 (Mar. 19, 2014).

Request for Separate Treatment

Emera requests that DOE/FE consider the Application outside of DOE/FE’s existing Order of Precedence for processing applications requesting authorization to export LNG to non-FTA countries. Emera states that its
Additionally, Emera asserts that the export of CNG via vessel is outside of FERC’s regulatory jurisdiction. For these reasons, Emera states that it does not intend to file with FERC for any authorizations in connection with activities contemplated by this Application.

Emera instead requests that DOE/FE review the potential environmental impacts of the Facility under NEPA. A description of the Facility’s potential environmental impacts is set forth in Appendix D to the Application. Emera states that, based on the Facility’s location, scope, and other factors, it expects the environmental impacts associated with the Facility to be minimal. Finally, Emera states that, if DOE/FE determines that a different agency should conduct the NEPA review, Emera will comply with that agency’s NEPA regulations.

DOE/FE Evaluation

The Application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(a), and DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. To the extent determined to be relevant, these issues will include the domestic need for the natural gas proposed to be exported, the adequacy of domestic natural gas supply, U.S. energy security, and the cumulative impact of the requested authorization and any other LNG export application(s) previously approved on domestic natural gas supply and demand fundamentals. DOE may also consider other factors bearing on the public interest, including the impact of the proposed exports on the U.S. economy (including GDP, consumers, and industry), job creation, the U.S. balance of trade, and international considerations; and whether the authorization is consistent with DOE’s policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Application.

NEPA requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

Due to the complexity of the issues raised by the Applicant, interested persons will be provided 60 days from the date of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, or motions for additional procedures.

Public Comment Procedures

In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR Part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to fergas@hq.doe.gov, with FE Docket No. 13–157–CNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in ADDRESSES; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in ADDRESSES. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 13–157–CNG. Please Note: If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties’ written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. A party seeking intervention may request that additional procedures be provided, such as additional written comments, an oral presentation, a conference, or trial-type hearing. Any request to file additional written comments should explain why they are necessary. Any request for an oral presentation should identify the substantial question of fact, law, or policy at issue, show that it is material and relevant to a decision in the proceeding, and demonstrate why an oral presentation is needed. Any request for a conference should demonstrate why the conference would materially advance the proceeding. Any request for a trial-type hearing must show that there are factual issues genuinely in dispute that are relevant and material to a decision and that a trial-type hearing is necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Application is available for inspection and copying in the Division of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities docket room, Room 3E0–042, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 27, 2014.

John A. Anderson,
Director, Division of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.

[FR Doc. 2014–15652 Filed 7–2–14; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 6450–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #2

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:


Applicants: Sundeil Power Holdings, LLC, Castleton Energy Services, LLC, Castleton Power, LLC.

Description: Supplement to July 1, 2013 Updated Market Power Analysis