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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Dated: January 5, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-199]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Ontario Hydro

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Ontario Hydro 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 February 10, 1999.

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: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinner (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 December 21, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from Ontario Hydro to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. Ontario Hydro is the provincial electric utility within the Canadian Province of Ontario. Ontario Hydro does not own or control any generation and transmission facilities in the United States and does not have any franchised service territory in the United States.

The electric energy Ontario Hydro proposes to export will be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities in the U.S. Ontario Hydro intends to export this energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Ontario Hydro, 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 Ontario Hydro application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-198. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Joan Prior, Esq., Acting Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Ontario Hydro, 700 University Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada N5G 1X6, and Peter M. Kirby, Esq., Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005.

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 or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-198]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Ontario Hydro Interconnected Markets Inc.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Ontario Hydro Interconnected Markets Inc. (OHIM) 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 February 10, 1999.

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: Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinner (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 December 21, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from OHIM to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. OHIM does not own or control any generation and transmission facilities in the United States and does not have any franchised service territory in the United States. OHIM is incorporated in the State of Delaware and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ontario Hydro, the provincial electric utility within the Canadian Province of Ontario.

The electric energy OHIM proposes to export will be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities in the U.S. OHIM intends to export this energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison

Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by OHIM, 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 OHIM application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-198. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Peter D. MacMillan, Esq., Secretary, Ontario Hydro Interconnected Markets Inc., 700 University Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada N5G 1X6, and Peter M. Kirby, Esq., Winston & Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005.

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 or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-06; Environmental Management Science Program: Research Related to Subsurface Contamination/Vadose Zone Issues

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Offices of Science (SC) and Environmental Management (EM), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announce their interest in receiving grant applications for performance of innovative, fundamental research to support specifically innovative, fundamental research to investigate DOE surface contamination/vadose zone issues.

DATES: Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-06, should be received by DOE by 4:30 p.m. e.s.t., February 9, 1999. A response encouraging or discouraging a formal application generally will be communicated by electronic mail to the applicant within three weeks of receipt. The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., e.d.t., April 19, 1999, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 1999.

ADDRESSES: All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-06, should be sent to Dr. Roland F. Hirsch, SC-73, Mail Stop F-237, Medical Sciences Division, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290. Preapplications will be accepted if submitted by U.S. Postal Service, including Express Mail, commercial mail delivery service, or hand delivery, but will not be accepted by fax, electronic mail, or other means.

After receiving notification from DOE concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare and submit formal applications. Applications must be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 99-06. The above address for formal applications must also be used when submitting formal applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Roland F. Hirsch, SC-73, Mail Stop F-

237, Medical Sciences Division, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone: (301) 903-9009, fax: (301) 903-0567, E-mail: roland.hirsch@science.doe.gov, or Mr. Mark Gilbertson, Office of Science and Risk Policy, Office of Science and Technology, Office of Environmental Management, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, telephone: (202) 586-7150, E-mail: mark.gilbertson@em.doe.gov. The full text of Program Notice 99-06 is available via the Internet using the following web site address: <http://www.er.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Environmental Management, in partnership with the Office of Science, sponsors the Environmental Management Science Program (EMSP) to fulfill DOE's continuing commitment to the cleanup of DOE's environmental legacy. The program was initiated in Fiscal Year 1996 and funding for the program has been provided in the Conference Report for Fiscal Year 1999 Appropriations for Energy and Water Development, Report 105-749, September 25, 1998, page 107.

The DOE Environmental Management program currently has ongoing applied research and engineering efforts under its Technology Development Program. These efforts must be supplemented with basic research to address long-term technical issues crucial to the EM mission. Basic research can also provide EM with near-term fundamental data that may be critical to the advancement of technologies that are under development but not yet at full scale nor implemented. Proposed basic research under this notice should contribute to environmental management activities that would decrease risk for the public and workers, provide opportunities for major cost reductions, reduce time required to achieve EM's mission goals, and, in general, should address problems that are considered intractable without new knowledge. This program is designed to inspire "breakthroughs" in areas critical to the EM mission through basic research and will be managed in partnership with SC. The Office of Science's well-established procedures, as set forth in the Office of Science Merit Review System, as published in the **Federal Register**, March 11, 1991, Vol. 56, No. 47, pages 10244-10246, will be used for merit review of applications submitted in response to this notice.