

yard. Construction beyond this initial phase would occur in increments (50–100 acre yard expansions and associated waterfront construction). These additional phases of construction would occur based upon cargo demand. It is currently estimated that the ultimate build-out of the container terminal to seven berths and over 608 acres of container yard and a 90 acre intermodal transit facility (rail yard) could take 15 to 20 years. Cruise ship facilities beyond the initial single berth would be constructed based upon passenger demand.

2. Alternatives

The following alternatives will be examined to identify the reasonable alternatives to be fully evaluated in the DEIS: No Action; the modification of existing PHA facilities to meet the purpose and need of and for the proposed project; alternative locations within the jurisdictional authority of the PHA where the proposed facilities might be developed; off-site alternatives such as Spillman Island, Shoal Point (Texas City), and Galveston Harbor; modified on-site alternatives. The applicant's preferred alternative is the PHA owned property on the Bayport Ship Channel (95°00' longitude and 29°36.7' latitude).

3. Scoping and Public Involvement Process

A workshop and scoping meeting to gather information on the subjects to be studied in detail in the DEIS will be conducted on August 17, 1999, at the Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas.

4. Significant Issues

Issues associated with the proposed facilities to be given significant analysis in the DEIS are likely to include, but may not be limited to, the potential impacts of the proposed dredging, the beneficial uses of dredged material, placement of fill, construction and operation of the proposed facility and surface transportation facilities, and of induced developments on: wetland resources; upland and aquatic biotic communities; water quality; fish and wildlife values including threatened and endangered species; noise and light levels in areas adjoining the proposed facilities; air quality; land forms and geologic resources; community cohesion; environmental justice; roadway traffic; socioeconomic environment; archaeological and cultural resources; recreation and recreational resources; public infrastructure and services; energy supply and natural resources; hazardous

waste and materials; land use; aesthetics; public health and safety; navigation; flood plain values; shoreline erosion and accretion; and the needs and welfare of the people.

5. Cooperating Agencies

No other Federal agencies have been identified having permitting, certifying, or other approval authority for the proposed project. However, the Federal Highway Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission have agreed to cooperate in the technical review of the DEIS.

6. Additional Review and Consultation

Additional review and consultation which will be incorporated into the preparation of this DEIS will include: compliance with the Texas Coastal Management Program; protection of cultural resources under Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act; protection of navigation under the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899; protection of water quality under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act; and protection of endangered and threatened species under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

7. Availability of the DEIS

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is projected to be available in March 2000. A Public Hearing will be conducted following the release of the DEIS.

Dated: July 2, 1999.

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Col, EN Commanding.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA–214]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P.

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P. (SCEM) 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 August 19, 1999.

ADDRESS: 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) 202–586–6667.

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 July 2, 1999, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from SCEM to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. SCEM, a Delaware limited partnership, is a power marketer that does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities nor does it have any franchised service territory in the United States.

SCEM proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power & Light, 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 SCEM, 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 SCEM application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA–214. Additional copies are to be filed directly with JoAnn P. Russell,

Esq., Glenn E. Camus, Esq., Southern Company Energy Marketing L.P., 900 Ashwood Parkway, Suite 490, Atlanta, GA 30338 AND James C. Beh, Esq., Antoine P. Cobb, Esq., Troutman Sanders LLP, Suite 500 East, 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3314.

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, D.C., on July 13, 1999.

Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Wetland Involvement for Interim Measures for the Mixed Waste Management Facility (MWMF) Groundwater at the Burial Ground Complex (BGC), Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina

AGENCY: Savannah River Operations Office (SR), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of wetland involvement.

SUMMARY: DOE-SR proposes to install a small metal sheet pile wall dam which would be positioned to impound about 0.49 hectares (1.2 acres) of water around and over the BGC southwest groundwater seepage line. This action would be taken in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) to reduce the amount of tritium contaminated water seeping to the surface from the BGC southwest plume and eventually discharging to Fourmile Branch, an onsite stream. This interim measure is intended to control the movement and discharge of

contaminated groundwater until the final, more permanent corrective measure is taken. In accordance with 10 CFR 1022, DOE will prepare a wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected wetland.

DATES: Comments on the proposed action due on or before August 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For further information, including a site map and/or copy of the wetland assessment, or to submit comments regarding this notice, contact A. R. Grainger, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Officer, Savannah River Operations Office, Building 742-A, Room 185, Aiken, South Carolina 29808. The fax/phone number is (800) 881-7292. The e-mail address is nepa@srs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A groundwater contaminant plume has been detected and is emanating from the Old Radioactive Waste Burial Ground (ORWBG) which is located at the southwest corner of the BGC at SRS. Tritium-contaminated water from this southwest plume is seeping to the surface at areas along the Old F-Area Effluent Ditch (OFED). Currently, groundwater that emanates from this seep combines with surface drainage from the immediate area to form a small stream in the southern portion of the OFED. Eventually, this stream mixes with F-Area discharge water which then flows into Fourmile Branch, an onsite stream.

DOE-SR proposes to install a small metal sheet pile wall dam [approximately 1.5 to 2.1 meters (5 to 7 feet) high and 100.6 meters (330 feet) long] which would be positioned to impound about 0.49 hectares (1.2 acres) of water around and over the BGC southwest groundwater seepage line. The impounded 0.49 hectares (1.2 acres) has been determined to be jurisdictional wetlands. The proposed action is not within the 100-year or baseline floodplain.

This action would be taken in cooperation with SCDHEC to reduce the amount of tritium-contaminated water seeping to the surface and eventually discharging to Fourmile Branch. The impoundment would retard surface water flow to Fourmile Branch by

increasing travel time, thereby mitigating the discharge of tritium-contaminated water. In addition, a drip irrigation system is being evaluated to enhance the effectiveness of the interim measure. This feature would further minimize discharges to Fourmile Branch by pumping impounded water behind the dam during peak flow conditions to upstream locations.

The interim measure will also address the remediation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from "hotspot" regions associated with the southwest plume area. Airlift recirculation wells will be installed in "hotspot" regions where concentrations of VOCs have routinely exceeded drinking water standards. Airlift recirculation wells provide a means for removing VOCs from contaminated groundwater, through a combination of in place air stripping and airlift pumping processes.

This interim measure is intended to control the movement and discharge of contaminated groundwater until the final, more permanent corrective measure is taken.

Undertaking the proposed action will not affect DOE's ability to fully evaluate reasonable alternatives for the final action. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will also evaluate several alternatives to the proposed action.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with wetland environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE-SR will prepare a wetland assessment for this proposed DOE action. The assessment will be included in the EA (DOE/EA-1302) that is being prepared for the proposed action in accordance with the requirements of NEPA.

Issued in Aiken, SC, on July 7, 1999.

Lowell E. Tripp,

Director, Engineering and Analysis Division, Savannah River Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[DE-PS26-99FT40613]

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Intent To Issue a Program Solicitation for Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Federal Energy Technology Center, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to issue a Program Solicitation No. DE-PS26-99FT40613 entitled "Research and Development of Technologies for the Management of