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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Royal D'Iberville Hotel and Casino Development, City of D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice of availability announces the public release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Royal D'Iberville Hotel and Casino Development, City of D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS. On February 23, 1998, Royal D'Iberville, Inc. submitted a Joint Permit Application and Notification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the D'Iberville project. The proposed action involves the construction of a dockside casino adjacent to the west side of the I-110 bridge over the Back Bay of Biloxi in D'Iberville, Harrison County, Mississippi. Based on a review of the level of impacts associated with the proposed action, the Mobile District published in **Federal Register**, November 21, 2001 (66 FR 58459), a notice of intent to prepare a DEIS for the proposed Royal D'Iberville Casino and Hotel, located in D'Iberville, Harrison County, MS. This DEIS has been developed by the Corps (lead agency) and 10 cooperating Federal and state agencies. The DEIS provides a comprehensive environmental analysis to aid in the decision-making process to deny or approve the Department of the Army permit for the proposed D'Iberville Hotel and Casino Project.

DATES: The public comment period for the DEIS will extend through June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To receive a copy of the DEIS, or to submit comments, contact U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Coastal Environment Team, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, AL 36628-0001. A copy of the full document may also be viewed in the

Gulfport Public Library, Gulfport, the Margaret Sherry Memorial Library in Biloxi, the D'Iberville Public Library in D'Iberville, or in the Mobile District.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Ivester Rees, Ph.D., EIS Manager, (334) 694-4141, facsimile number (334) 690-2727 or e-mail address (susan.i.rees@sam.usace.army.mil).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comments can be submitted through a variety of methods. Written comments may be submitted to the Corps by mail, facsimile, or electronic methods, comments (written or oral) may be presented at a public meeting to be scheduled during the month of June in D'Iberville, MS. Additional information on these meetings will be mailed in a public notice to the agencies and public and announced in news releases.

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Ronald A. Krizman,

Chief, Regulatory Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Section 227 National Shoreline Erosion Control Demonstration Project, 63rd Street, "Hotspot" Miami Beach, Dade County, FL

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) intends to prepare a Technical Report and 100% Plans and Specifications with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the placement of an innovative breakwater design to help control erosion along the upcoming Test Fill at North Miami Beach using a domestic upland sand source. The proposed project is to be constructed from NE. 63rd Street to NE. 65th Street, Miami Beach, Dade County, FL. The Secretary of the Army is responsible for report approval. a collaborative effort between the Jacksonville District and Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul C. Stevenson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division, Plan Formulation Branch, 701 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL, 32207,

paul.c.stevenson@usace.army.mil by e-mail, or phone 904-232-3747.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Authorization.* Authority and funds for the project are provided by section 227, of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996, as amended. The proposed section 227, National Shoreline Erosion Control Demonstration Project, 63rd Street, "Hotspot", Miami Beach, Dade County, Florida, has awarded a contract to URS Group to complete 100% plans and specifications for an innovative breakwater to help control erosion along the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection (BEC&HP) Project in the same location. The BEC&HP for Dade County, Florida was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1968 (with supplemental Appropriation Act of 1985 and WRDA 1986) to protect, reduce the loss of public beachfront and to prevent or reduce periodic damages and potential risk life, health and property in the developed lands adjacent to the beach.

b. *Study Area:* The project area begins at NE. 63rd Street and continues north to NE. 65th Street, Miami Beach, FL, an erosion hot spot.

c. *Project Scope:* The proposed project area is very specific to the erosion hot spot area of Miami Beach, between NE. 63rd Street and NE. 65th Street. The proposed project footprint will cover approximately 1,800 linear foot by 40-foot wide and 4.5 to 6-foot high, covered by at least one foot of water at Mean Low Water (MLW), 150-foot from the toe of fill.

d. *Preliminary Alternatives:* The DEIS will evaluate the No Action Plan and the nearshore Submerged Artificial Reef Training (SMART) structure. SMART is proposed approximately 150-foot from the toe of fill for the Test Beach Renourishment at Miami Beach, in the vicinity of 63rd Street, "Hotspot", Miami Beach, FL. The SMART design consists of groupings of reef modules in 200-foot by 40-foot segments, attached to an articulated armor concrete mat, parallel to the shoreline for a total length of 1,800-foot. The artificial reef modules would vary in size from 2,400 (4.5-foot high) pounds to 9,800 (6-foot high) pounds and be covered by a minimum of 1-foot of water at MLW. The reef modules would be anchored to the mats to prevent "rolling". Mat ends would be free of reefs modules to help prevent scouring. The SMART design breakwater is proposed to help control erosion along the renourished and provide environmental benefits (*see ftp site <ftp://ftp.saj.usace.army.mil/pub/uploads/k3cdstjv/>*

URSMiamiHotSpotSection227/ for the 30% submittal).

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.

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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.

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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