

of Sacramento access to San Francisco Bay Area harbors and the Pacific Ocean. This navigational improvement project was analyzed in the Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement (1980), the General Design Memorandum and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (1986), and Environmental Assessments (1988, 1991, 1992). Navigational improvements to the SRDWSC were authorized in the Supplemental Appropriations of 1985, Public Law 99-88. Construction to deepen the existing channel to 35 feet was initiated in 1989, but work was suspended in 1990 at the request of the Port of Sacramento. Two of six construction contracts, from River Mile 43 to 35 (approximately eight miles near the Port of Sacramento), have been completed. The Corps was directed to prepare a reevaluation report in a Conference Report, H. Rept. 105-749, 105th Congress, 2nd Sess., 1998, by the Committee of Conference that resolved differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill that became the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of 1999.

2. *Proposed Action.* The proposed project would complete the deepening and widening of the navigation channel to its authorized depth of 35 feet. Deepening of the existing ship channel is anticipated to allow for movement of cargo via larger deeper draft vessels. Widening portions of the channel would increase navigational safety by increasing maneuverability.

3. *Project Alternatives.* Alternatives that are anticipated to be evaluated in this SEIS/SEIR include, but are not limited to, the following: (A) No action alternative. (B) Increased use of lighter aboard ship (LASH); lighters (barges) would be used to transport cargo from ports in shallow water to larger ocean going vessels birthed in deeper water. (C) Increased use of intermodal transportation; cargo would be loaded at other terminal facilities and transported by truck or railroad, and (D) project depths shallower than 35 feet.

4. *Environmental Considerations.* The SEIS/SEIR will update the 1980 EIS and the 1986 SEIS and will evaluate changes to project conditions. The SEIS/SEIR will determine if there are significant new issues, information, or environmental concerns bearing on the proposed project and alternatives. The SEIS/SEIR being prepared will reexamine water and air quality issues, fish and wildlife impacts, and effects to endangered or threatened species; potential impacts from dredging and placement of dredged material at upland disposal sites; and the potential impact of deepening on salinity intrusion in the

Delta. Additionally, the economic benefits of the proposed project and alternatives will be examined.

5. *Scoping Process.* The Corps is seeking participation and input of all interested federal, state, and local agencies, Native American groups, and other concerned private organizations or individuals on the scope of the draft SEIS/SEIR through this public notice. The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to solicit comments regarding the potential impacts, environmental issues, and alternatives associated with the proposed action to be considered in the draft SEIS/SEIR. The meeting place, date and time will be advertised in advance in local newspapers, and meeting announcement letters will be sent to interested parties. The draft SEIS/SEIR will be available for public review and comment in May 2009. The final SEIS/SEIR will be available for review in October 2009.

6. *Availability of SEIS/SEIR.* The public will have an additional opportunity to comment on project alternatives once the draft SEIS/SEIR is released. The Corps will announce availability of the draft SEIS/SEIR in the **Federal Register** and other media, and will provide a 45-day public review period for the public, organizations, and agencies to review and comment on the SEIS/SEIR. All submitted comments will be addressed in the final SEIS/SEIR.

**Craig W. Kiley,**

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Commanding.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Inland Waterways Users Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In Accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the forthcoming meeting.

*Name of Committee:* Inland Waterways Users Board (Board).

*Date:* July 31, 2008.

*Location:* Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center, Six West Rose Drive, Walla Walla, WA 99362, (509-525-2200 or 866-826-9422).

*Time:* Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 1 p.m.

*Agenda:* The Board will hear briefings on the status of the funding for inland navigation projects and studies, an assessment of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and be provided updates of various inland waterways projects.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark R. Pointon, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CECW-IP, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000; *Ph:* 202-761-4258.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

**Brenda S. Bowen,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-341]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Photovoltaic Technologies, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Photovoltaic Technologies, LLC (Photovoltaic) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**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 June 9, 2008, DOE received an application from Photovoltaic for authority to transmit electric energy

from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer. Photovoltaic does not own any electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area. The electric energy which SEP proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

Photovoltaic proposes to export electric energy to Mexico and to arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities presently owned by AEP Texas Central, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power & Light Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Sharyland Utilities, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Photovoltaic was previously authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each comment, petition, and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the dates listed above.

All filings in this proceeding should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-341. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Francisco Bunt, CEO, 3504 Santa Idalia, Mission, TX 78572.

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 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, by accessing the program Web site at <http://oe.energy.gov/permits.htm>, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at [odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov](mailto:odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 10, 2008.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP08-409-000; PF08-1-000]

#### Orbit Gas Storage, Inc.; Notice of Application

June 5, 2008.

Take notice that on May 23, 2008, Orbit Gas Storage, Inc. (OGS), 600 Barret Boulevard, Henderson, Kentucky 42420, filed in the above referenced docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Parts 157 and 284 of the Commission's regulations for an order granting a certificate of public convenience to construct and operate a new underground gas storage facility in Hopkins County, Kentucky. Referred to as the Kentucky Energy Hub Project (Project), OGS states that the Project will involve the conversion of the depleted White Plains Gas Field to natural gas storage and the construction of an approximately 22-mile pipeline header, compressor station, and related facilities. OGS asserts that the Project will have a total storage capacity of approximately 13.0 billion cubic feet (Bcf), comprised of approximately 5.0 Bcf of working gas and 8.0 Bcf of cushion gas. OGS claims that it will be capable of delivering and injecting natural gas at the rate of approximately 100 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscf/d). OGS avers that the Project will interconnect with the interstate pipeline system of ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) near Rabbit Ridge, Kentucky. OGS is also requesting authorization to provide open-access firm and interruptible storage services in interstate commerce at market-based rates under 18 CFR Part 284, Subpart G; and to undertake the limited construction and operation activities permitted under 18 CFR Part 157, Subpart F, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the Web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online

Support at

[FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Douglas F. John, John & Hengerer, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036-3116, at (202) 429-8800, or by facsimile at (202) 429-8805, or [djohn@jhenergy.com](mailto:djohn@jhenergy.com).

On October 3, 2007, the Commission staff granted OGS's request to utilize the Pre-Filing process and assigned Docket No. PF08-1-000 to staff activities involving the proposed Project. Now, as of the filing of the May 23, 2008 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP08-409-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to