

be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-323-B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to both Bonnie A. Suchman, Suchman Law LLC, 8104 Paisley Place, Potomac, MD 20854 and Michael G. Henry, Emera Energy Services, Inc., 101 Federal St., Suite 1101, Boston, MA 02110.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or 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 website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at [Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-324-B]

### Application to Export Electric Energy; Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 4 LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 4 LLC (Applicant or EESS-4) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before July 20, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates

exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On October 2, 2013, DOE issued Order No. EA-324-A to EESS-4, which authorized the Applicant to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada, effective October 1, 2013, as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority expires on October 1, 2018. On February 22, 2018, EESS-4 filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-324 for an additional five-year term.

In its application, EESS-4 states that it neither owns nor controls any electric generation or transmission facilities, and that it has no franchised electric power service area. The electric energy that EESS-4 proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by EESS-4 have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five (5) copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning EESS-4's application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-324-B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to both Bonnie A. Suchman, Suchman Law LLC, 8104 Paisley Place, Potomac, MD 20854 and Michael G. Henry, Emera Energy Services, Inc., 101 Federal St., Suite 1101, Boston, MA 02110.

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impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Program

**AGENCY:** Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric incentive payments. This incentive is available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2018, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2017.

**DATES:** DOE is currently accepting applications from June 20, 2018 through July 20, 2018. Applications must be sent to [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov) by midnight EDT, July 20, 2018, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2017 incentive payments.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov). DOE's

guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/federal-register-notice-epact-2005-section-242-hydroelectric-incentive-0>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions may be addressed to Corey Vezina, U.S. Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, (240) 562-1382 or by email at [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov). Further instruction can be found in the guidance posted at <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/federal-register-notice-epact-2005-section-242-hydroelectric-incentive-0>. Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), Congress established a new program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure. Under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, the Secretary of Energy is directed to provide incentive payments to the owner or authorized operator of qualified hydroelectric facilities for energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility for a specified 10-year period (See 42 U.S.C. 15881). The 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act authorized funding for the Section 242 program for conventional hydropower under EPAct 2005. In FY 2018, DOE allocated \$6.6M for this purpose.

Recently DOE made minor updates to clarify its Guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 242. The Guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/downloads/federal-register-notice-epact-2005-section-242-hydroelectric-incentive-0>. Each application will be reviewed based on the Guidance. DOE has updated its Guidance to clarify eligible rehabilitation on existing facilities that have been offline because of disrepair or dismantling for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to October 1, 2005 and returning online with new hydroelectric power on or before September 30, 2015 (see the second of three qualifications in Section III). DOE also updated its Guidance to re-emphasize the statutory deadline by which new hydropower generation must be placed into operation at a non-powered or powered dam as on or after October 1, 2005 and on or before September 30, 2015 (see Section IV). DOE notes that applicants that received incentive payments for prior calendar years must submit a full application addressing all eligibility requirements

for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2017. As authorized under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, and as explained in the Guidance, DOE also notes that it will only accept applications from qualified hydroelectric facilities that began operations at an existing dam or conduit during the inclusive period beginning October 1, 2005, and ending on September 30, 2015. Therefore, although DOE is accepting applications for full calendar year 2017 production, the qualified hydroelectric facility must have begun operations starting October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2015, for DOE to consider the application.

When submitting information to DOE for Section 242 program, it is recommended that applicants carefully read and review the completed content of the Guidance for this process. When reviewing applications, DOE may corroborate the information provided with information that DOE finds through FERC e-filings, contact with power off-taker, and other due diligence measure carried out by reviewing officials. DOE may require the applicant to conduct and submit an independent audit at its own expense, or DOE may conduct an audit to verify the number of kilowatt-hours claimed to have been generated and sold by the qualified hydroelectric facility and for which an incentive payment has been requested or made.

Issued in Washington, DC on June 13, 2018.

**Timothy Unruh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Power.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #2

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

*Docket Numbers:* EC18-102-000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Indiana, LLC, AEP Indiana Michigan Transmission Company, Inc.

*Description:* Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act of Duke Energy Indiana, LLC, et al.

*Filed Date:* 6/14/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180614-5097.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/5/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG18-101-000.

*Applicants:* Torrecillas Wind Energy, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of Torrecillas Wind Energy, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 6/14/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180614-5147.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/5/18.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1420-001.

*Applicants:* California Independent System Operator Corporation.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: 2018-06-14 Amendment to Certificate of Concurrence for ARES Nevada UFA Metadata to be effective 3/13/2018.

*Filed Date:* 6/14/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180614-5082.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 6/25/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1771-000.

*Applicants:* Langdon Renewables, LLC.

*Description:* Amendment to June 11, 2017 Langdon Renewables, LLC tariff filing.

*Filed Date:* 6/14/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180614-5081.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/2/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-1786-000.

*Applicants:* Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 20180614\_Benson IA 205 to be effective 6/29/2018.

*Filed Date:* 6/14/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180614-5058.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/5/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following foreign utility company status filings:

*Docket Numbers:* FC18-6-000.

*Applicants:* Solfuture Gestión, S.L.U.

*Description:* Notification of Self-Certification of Foreign Utility Company Status of I Solfuture Gestion, S.L.U.

*Filed Date:* 6/13/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180613-5163.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/5/18.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern