

Detroit Edison Company, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the international transmission facilities, as more fully described in the application, has previously been issued a Presidential permit pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

#### Procedural Matters

Any persons 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 such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Gordon J. Smith, Esq., John, Hengerer and Esposito, 1200 17th St., NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036-3006, (202) 429-8814 and Lisa Yoho, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Eastern Power Distribution, Inc., 2900 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone (703) 317-2244.

A final decision will be made on these applications 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.

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[Docket No. EA-141]

#### Application To Export Electric Energy; Inland Pacific Energy Services Corporation

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**AGENCY:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Inland Pacific Energy Service Corporation (Inland Pacific), a power marketer, has submitted an application to export electric energy 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 April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-52), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 (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 March 6, 1997, Inland Pacific filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authorization to export electric energy to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA. Specifically, Inland Pacific has proposed to transmit to Canada electric energy purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies.

Inland Pacific would arrange for the exported energy to be transmitted 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, Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. Each of the international transmission facilities, as more fully described in the application, has previously been issued a Presidential permit pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

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(18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Paula E. Pyron, Andrew K. Soto; Ball Janik LLP, 101 S.W. Main Street, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97204, (503) 228-2525 and J. Gary Stauffer, Executive Vice President, Inland Pacific Energy Services Corp., 1124 W. Riverside, Suite 4000, Spokane, Washington 99201 (509) 459-1363.

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.

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[Docket EA-98-E]

#### Application to Amend Electricity Export Authorization; Western Systems Power Pool

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Systems Power Pool ("WSPP") has filed an application on behalf of its members to amend its electricity export authorization issued September 5, 1996, in Order EA-98-C. The application requests the authorization be amended to permit 8 new member companies to export electricity to Canada.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before April 28, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-52), Office of Coal & Power, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202-586-7983 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 September 5, 1996, in Docket EA-98-C, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) authorized 42 "public utility" members of the WSPP to export electric energy to Canadian members, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro), or other future Canadian members. The facilities to be utilized for these exports are the international transmission facilities owned and operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), also a WSPP member. The facilities consist of two 500-kV transmission lines at Blaine, Washington, and one 230-kV transmission line at Nelway, British Columbia, that interconnect with facilities of BC Hydro, and one 230-kV line, also at Nelway, connecting to West Kootenay Power, Limited. The construction and operation of these international transmission facilities was previously authorized by Presidential Permits PP-10, PP-46, and PP-36, respectively.

On March 12, 1997, WSPP submitted an application to amend the export authorization by adding 8 new member companies to the list of authorized electricity exporters. The new members are: Intercoast Power Marketing Company, National Gas & Electric L.P., PowerEx, TransAlta Enterprises Corporation, TransCanada Energy Ltd., Tucson Electric Power Company, Western Power Services, Inc., and Williams Energy Services Company.

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Additional copies are to be filed directly with: Michael E. Small, Esq., Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, Suite 600, Washington, D.C.

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.

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#### Office of Energy Research

##### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 97-13: Centers of Excellence for Laser Applications in Medicine

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Health and Environmental Research (OHER) of the Office of Energy Research (ER), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving research applications from potential applicants for funding of Centers of Excellence for Laser Applications in Medicine (Centers). These Centers are intended to carry out research that will advance the application of laser technology in the clinical practice of medicine. A Center must have existing advanced capabilities for fundamental research in the medical application of lasers, is to be based in a hospital with a close tie to a school of medicine, is to offer a strong program of research that covers a wide range both of scientific disciplines and of fields of medicine, and is to place emphasis on training and dissemination of developments in this field of research.

**DATES:** Preapplications should be received by May 30, 1997. However, earlier submissions will be gladly accepted. Formal applications in response to this notice must be received by 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., August 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Preapplications referencing Program Notice 97-13 should be forwarded to: Dr. Roland F. Hirsch, Medical Applications and Biophysical Research Division, ER-73, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 97-

13. Fax submissions are acceptable, fax number (301) 903-0567.

Formal applications referencing Program Notice 97-13 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, Attn: Program Notice 97-13. This address also must be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, or any commercial mail delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant. An original and seven copies of the application must be submitted. Applicants are required to follow the formal instructions given in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** Section of this Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Roland F. Hirsch, Medical Applications and Biophysical Research Division, ER-73, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, telephone (301) 903-3213; E-mail roland.hirsch@oer.doe.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Centers of Excellence for Laser Applications in Medicine were established in 1991 upon the recommendation in the Conference Report for the Fiscal Year 1991 Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act. There has been substantial progress in the field since that time. Therefore, potential applicants are encouraged to propose Center programs that are appropriate for the current state of the art in fundamental areas of laser research relevant to clinical research, that will enable progress toward new areas of clinical use of lasers, and that will increase the application of lasers through training and dissemination activities. There is particular interest in research leading to new laser applications for non-invasive medicine and, in general, to new medical procedures that are consistent with the national need to control the costs of health care.

Applicants are encouraged to utilize the extensive fundamental scientific expertise that is available at the National Laboratories supported by the Department through formal and informal arrangements for consultation and collaboration. Applicants are also encouraged to identify objectives of the proposed research program that complement the aims of other programs which are supported by the Medical Applications and Biophysical Research Division such as research in radiopharmaceuticals and molecular nuclear medicine, biomedical imaging instrumentation, Boron Neutron Capture