

authorities applicable to the matter being addressed; and (4) Provide suggestions regarding how the matter should be addressed by the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 19, 2001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will

this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 14, 2001.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Consolidated State Performance Report and State Self-Review.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 52.

*Burden Hours:* 134,768.

*Abstract:* This information collection package contains two related parts: The Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) and the State Self-Review (SSR). The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in general, and its provision for submission of consolidated plans, in particular (see section 14301 of the ESEA), emphasize the importance of cross-program coordination and integration of federal programs into educational activities carried out with State and local funds. States would use both instruments for reporting on activities that occur during the 2000-2001 school year and, if the ESEA, when reauthorized, does not become effective for the 2001-2002 school year, for that year as well. The proposed CSPR requests most of the same information as in 1999-2000, with a few modifications to cover new programs and new emphases. The proposed SSR deletes several questions from the previous version and has no new information requests. When the ESEA is reauthorized, the Department intends to work actively with the public to revise the content of these documents and develop an integrated information collection system that responds to the new law, uses new technologies, and better reflects how federal programs help to promote State and local reform efforts.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional

Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. (540) 776-7742 or via her internet address Kathy.Axt@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-247 and EA-248]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; AES NewEnergy, Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Under two separate applications, AES NewEnergy, Inc. (AES NewEnergy) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico and 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 September 19, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (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:** Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 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 13, 2001, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received two separate applications from AES NewEnergy for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico and from the United States to Canada. AES NewEnergy, a Delaware corporation and wholly-subsidiary of the AES Corporation, a public utility holding company, 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

In FE Docket No. EA-247, AES NewEnergy proposes to export electric energy to Mexico and to arrange for the delivery of those exports to Mexico over the international transmission facilities owned by San Diego Gas and Electric Company, El Paso Electric Company, Central Power and Light Company, and Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national utility of Mexico. In FE Docket No. EA-248, AES NewEnergy proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, 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, 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 AES NewEnergy, as more fully described in the applications, 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 these applications 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 AES NewEnergy applications to export electric energy to Mexico and/or Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-247 and/or Docket EA-248, respectively. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Cathy Barron, AES NewEnergy, Inc., 535 Boylston Street, Top Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 and R. Michael Sweeney, Jr., Troutman Sanders LLP, 401 9th Street, NW., Ste. 1000, Washington, DC 20004.

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, 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 these applications 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Nuclear Security Administration, a separately organized agency within the Department of Energy (DOE), announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials (hereafter referred to as the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS), and the dates and locations for public hearings to receive comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS. The principal activities at TA-18 involve research, design, development, construction, and application of experiments on nuclear criticality. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with relocating the TA-18 capabilities and materials to the following alternative locations: (1) A different site at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) (the preferred alternative) at Los Alamos, New Mexico; (2) the Nevada Test Site (NTS) near Las Vegas, Nevada; (3) the Sandia National Laboratory (SNL) at Albuquerque, New Mexico; and (4) the Argonne National Laboratory-West (ANL-W) near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS also

evaluates the alternative of upgrading the existing facilities at TA-18, and the no-action alternative of maintaining the missions in the existing TA-18 facilities without upgrades.

**DATES:** Comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS are invited from the public. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the TA-18 Relocation Final EIS, comments must be received or postmarked by October 5, 2001. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Public hearings to discuss issues and receive comments on the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS will be held in the vicinity of sites that may be affected by the proposed action. The public hearings, to be held September 11-19, 2001, will provide the public with an opportunity to present comments, ask questions, and discuss concerns with DOE/NNSA officials regarding the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS. The locations, dates, and times for these public hearings are identified in the Supplementary Information.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS or its Summary may be obtained upon request in writing (U.S. Department of Energy, TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS, Attn: Mr. Jay Rose, DP-42, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585), by fax (202-586-0467), by toll-free telephone (1-866-357-4345), or by E-mail (James.Rose@ns.doe.gov). Specific information regarding the public hearings can also be obtained by the means described above. Comments concerning the TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS can also be submitted by the means described above. Please mark envelopes, faxes, and E-mail: "TA-18 Relocation Draft EIS Comments."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on the NNSA NEPA process, please contact: Mr. Henry Garson, NEPA Compliance Officer for Defense Programs, U.S. DOE/NNSA, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585; or telephone 1-800-832-0885, ext. 30470. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (EH-42), U.S. DOE, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone 202-586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NNSA is responsible for providing the Nation with nuclear weapons, ensuring the safety and reliability of those nuclear weapons, and supporting programs that reduce global nuclear proliferation. These missions are accomplished through the use of a core