

1999" ("Act") established an Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Program ("Program") which is designed to provide guaranteed loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies by private banking and investment institutions. A Board composed of the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the Chairman on the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Secretary of the Department of Commerce ("Board") has been given the responsibility to oversee this Program.

A loan guarantee may be issued upon application to the Board by a private banking or investment institution, which proposes to enter into an agreement to provide a loan to a qualified steel company. A qualified steel company is defined in the Act to mean any company that: (A) Is incorporated under the laws of any State; (B) is engaged in the production and manufacture of a steel mill product; and (C) has experienced layoffs, production losses, or financial losses since January 1998. The Act established several conditions applicable to each loan guarantee issued by the Board.

Subsequent to the review of an application by the Board, a successful applicant will be required to sign a guarantee agreement as a condition of receiving the loan guarantee from the Board. The guarantee agreement provides the terms and conditions of the loan guarantee, and sets forth the requirements, including reporting and record keeping, that the lender must meet for the guarantee to remain in force.

When the program's authorizing legislation was initially enacted, the Board's authority to issue guarantees was scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2001, and guaranteed loans were required to be repaid by December 31, 2005. Public Law 107-63 extended the Board's authority to guarantee loans through December 31, 2003 and extended the date by which all guaranteed loans must be paid in full to no later than December 31, 2015. The authority to issue new loan guarantees, in fact, expired on December 31, 2003. As such, the Board had not previously requested an extension of Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approval for its various information collections associated with issuance of new guarantees. However, the authority to issue new loan guarantees was restored by section 211 of Public Law 108-199, enacted January 23, 2004. This law extended the Board's authority to issue new loan guarantees through December 31, 2005. Thus, the Board needs to reinstate, and receive PRA approval for,

its previously existing information collection.

## II. Method of Collection

The signed final guarantee documents for the individual loan guarantees will be submitted in hard copy because they will contain privileged financial and commercial information that is protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 3004-0002.

*Form Number(s):* ESLB-1.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 15 to 75 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 150.

*Estimated Annual Cost to the Public:* \$4,980.

## IV. Request for Comments

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 25, 2004.

**Marguerite Owen,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-292]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; SESCO Enterprises, LLC

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** SESCO Enterprises, LLC. (SESCO) 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 July 1, 2004.

**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:** Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202-586-7983 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 March 12, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from SESCO to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. SESCO, a power marketer and limited liability company formed under Delaware law with its principal place of business located in Iselin, NJ, has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. SESCO does not own or control any transmission or distribution assets, nor does it have a franchised service area. The electric energy which SESCO proposes to export to Canada would be purchased from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies within the U.S.

SESCO 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, 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, Vermont Electric Power Company and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by SESCO, 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 DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the SESCO application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-292. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Matthew Gorisch, Managing Director, and Michael Schubiger, Chief Executive Officer, SESCO Enterprises, LLC., 120 Wood Avenue South, Suite 511, Iselin, NJ 08830.

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.de.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 20, 2004.

**Anthony J. Como,**

*Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Import/Export, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EC04-111-000]

#### American Transmission Company LLC; Notice of Filing

May 25, 2004.

Take notice that on May 21, 2004, American Transmission Company LLC (ATCLLC) tendered for filing an Application for Authority to Acquire Transmission Facilities Under section 203 of the Federal Power Act. ATCLLC requests that the Commission authorize

ATCLLC to acquire ownership of certain transmission facilities from the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. ATCLLC requests Commission authorization by August 1, 2004.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary (FERRIS) 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 for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

*Comment Date:* June 11, 2004.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-337-000]

#### CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Application

May 21, 2004.

Take notice that CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company (CenterPoint), Post Office Box 21734, Shreveport, Louisiana 71151-0001, filed in Docket No. CP04-337-000 on May 17, 2004, an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, to abandon

pipeline facilities consisting of 23,920 feet of CenterPoint's Line ADT-17 along with a pig launcher and receiver, six feet of pipe at the receiver, and a separator, located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, by sale to CenterPoint Energy Field Services, Inc. (Field Services), which intends to incorporate them into its gathering system, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be also 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, call (202) 502-8659 or TTY, (202) 208-3676.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Lawrence O. Thomas, Director, Rates & Regulatory, CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission, at (318) 429-2804, fax (318) 429-3133.

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 the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.