

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.

Dated: February 19, 2004.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

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

#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* National Assessment of Educational Progress 2004–2007 System Clearance.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs, Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 906,322.

*Burden Hours:* 231,800.

*Abstract:* This clearance request covers all pilot, field, and full scale assessment and survey activities of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Students are assessed and surveyed in the 4th, 8th and 12th grades as well as some of their teachers and school administrators.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2429. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651 or to the e-mail address

[vivian.reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian.reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her e-mail address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto: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–145–C]**

### **Application To Export Electric Energy; Powerex Corp.**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Powerex Corp. (Powerex), formerly the British Columbia Power Exchange Corporation, has applied for renewal of its 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 March 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Imports/Exports (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:** On May 30, 1997, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued an Order (FE Order No. EA–145) authorizing Powerex to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities of San Diego Gas and Electric Company. That two-year authorization expired on May 30, 1999. On April 15, 1999, Powerex filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for an additional two-year term. On June 18, 1999, DOE issued FE Order No. EA–145–A granting that request. That two-year authorization expired on June 18,

2001. On June 19, 2001, Powerex filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for an additional two-year term. On August 13, 2001, DOE issued FE Order No. EA–145–B granting that request. That two-year authorization expired on August 13, 2003. On July 31, 2003, Powerex filed an application with FE for renewal of this export authority and requested that the Order be issued for an additional five-year term.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order EA–145. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA–145 proceeding.

### **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 the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the Powerex request to export to Mexico should be clearly marked with Docket EA–145–C. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Mr. Douglas Little, Vice President, Trade Policy & Development, Powerex Corp., 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1400, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2X8, and Ms. Erika Rosin, Contracts Manager, Powerex Corp., 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1400, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2X8.

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.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

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-64-000]

#### Trunkline Gas Company, LLC; Notice of Filing

February 19, 2004.

Take notice that on February 12, 2004, Trunkline Gas Company, LLC (Trunkline Gas), P.O. Box 4967, Houston, Texas 77210-4967, filed in the captioned docket an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's rules and regulations. Trunkline Gas requests authorization to construct, own, operate and maintain certain natural gas transmission facilities to provide transportation services. The application is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. This filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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 for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Trunkline Gas proposes to construct 22.8 miles of 30-inch Diameter pipeline by looping a portion of the LNG Lateral originating at the interconnection with the liquefied natural gas import terminal of Trunkline LNG Company, LLC (Trunkline LNG) in Calcasieu, Louisiana, and terminating at Gate 203 A of Trunkline Gas's existing Line 200-2, also in Calcasieu. The proposed facilities also include four new pipeline interconnections, modifications of two existing pipeline interconnections, and replacement of the existing orifice meters at Trunkline LNG Terminal with three ultrasonic meter runs. Trunkline Gas has entered into a Firm Transportation Service Agreement with BG LNG Services, Inc. (BGLS) to provide transportation service up to 1,500 Mdt/day of regasified LNG

pursuant to Rate Schedule FT, for a term of 19 years. Trunkline Gas proposes to place the project in service by July 1, 2005.

Any questions regarding the application are to be directed to William W. Grygar, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, 5444 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77056-5306.

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 below listed comment date, 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.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters

will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission may issue a preliminary determination on non-environmental issues prior to the completion of its review of the environmental aspects of the project. This preliminary determination typically considers such issues as the need for the project and its economic effect on existing customers of the applicant, on other pipelines in the area, and on landowners and communities. For example, the Commission considers the extent to which the applicant may need to exercise eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way for the proposed project and balances that against the non-environmental benefits to be provided by the project. Therefore, if a person has comments on community and landowner impacts from this proposal, it is important either to file comments or to intervene as early in the process as possible.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments 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:* March 11, 2004.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER03-587-008, et al.]

#### New York Electric & Gas Corporation, et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Filings

February 18, 2004.

The following filings have been made with the Commission. The filings are listed in ascending order within each docket classification.

#### 1. New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

[Docket No. ER03-587-008]

Take notice that on February 13, 2004, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) tendered for filing pursuant to the Commission's April 28,