

functional capabilities of persons with disabilities. In its efforts NIDRR will support grantees working on cloud-based infrastructure and applications, and will work cooperatively across government agencies and with private entities to leverage the resources available for this important work.

*Proposed Objective 3.5—NIDRR Will Maintain On-Going Investments That Effectively Address Topics of Importance To Individuals With Disabilities and Their Families*

NIDRR has invested in a number of projects for many years. The value of these long-term investments is an important consideration as NIDRR plans for its future commitments. For example, NIDRR has supported projects that have created national rehabilitation and disability services databases, supported accessibility of the built environment and information technologies, as well as other nationally valued projects in other areas. On a project-by-project basis and with the input of the RRAC and other stakeholders, NIDRR will continue to support centers and projects in certain priority areas in which NIDRR has substantial long-term investments and that continue to contribute significantly to NIDRR's goals and objectives.

*Proposed Goal 4:* NIDRR will improve program administration.

*Proposed Objective 4.1—NIDRR Will Streamline Processes for Establishing and Publishing Priorities for Grant Competitions*

Historically, most of NIDRR's priorities have included a number of detailed required activities that demanded a great deal of time to develop and publish. As indicated in Objective 1.3 of the Plan, NIDRR will provide applicants with more field-initiated opportunities by issuing priorities for each domain that consist of broad topical areas and fewer specifically required activities. These topical areas will remain open for competition for up to five years. This will provide applicants with increased discretion to propose specific projects that fall within the topical areas and enhance NIDRR's ability to publish its funding priorities on a more-timely basis. In addition, because NIDRR staff will devote less time developing and publishing new priorities, they will have more time for providing technical assistance to their grantees, monitoring grants, and participating in cross-agency research and development activities.

*Proposed Objective 4.2—NIDRR Will Establish and Implement a Regular Schedule of Competitions and Peer Reviews*

The NAS review report noted that NIDRR has not established a regular schedule for publishing priorities, publishing notices inviting applications, or conducting peer review. An irregular schedule may negatively affect the ability of qualified applicants to submit proposals and limit the availability of expert reviewers. Consistent with the NAS recommendations, and aided by streamlining its priority development process, NIDRR will establish a regular schedule of competitions that potential applicants and peer reviewers can depend on for planning purposes. Having the topical areas in place for up to five years will provide the field with stable and reliable opportunities for funding, and applicants who are not successful in one competition can revise and improve their applications for future competitions under the same topic.

*Proposed Objective 4.3—NIDRR Will Improve Its Peer Review Process*

The NAS review report commented on NIDRR's peer review processes and made a number of recommendations for enhancement. Consistent with the NAS recommendations and ongoing quality improvement goals within NIDRR, during the next five years NIDRR will improve the following:

- Recruitment of qualified reviewers.
- Peer reviewer orientation.
- Review criteria and scoring.
- Stakeholder representation and support for these stakeholders to participate on review panels.
- Consistency across review panels.

A number of other changes will be explored by NIDRR as potential means of enhancing the ability of peer reviewers to carry out their responsibilities. These include, but are not limited to: (1) Establishing page limits for some or all NIDRR program applications; and (2) limiting the number of applications reviewed per panel with limits depending on the page limits of the applications.

## V. Summary

With the adoption of this Plan, as refined by comments and suggestions from stakeholders and other parties, NIDRR believes it will be positioned to better reflect the principles of balance, quality, and relevance in its activities. This approach will make NIDRR more effective in fulfilling its role as a leading Federal agency in generating and promoting the use of knowledge to

improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Publication of State Plan Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act

**AGENCY:** U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107-252, as amended by Section 622 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby causes to be published in the **Federal Register** this notice in reference to the changes made to the HAVA State plan previously submitted by Virginia. The revised State plan will be posted on the EAC Web site.

**DATES:** This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryan Whitener, Telephone 202-566-3100 or 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free).

*Submit Comments:* Any comments regarding the plans published herewith should be made in writing to the chief election official of the individual State at the address listed below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 24, 2004, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission published in the **Federal Register** the original HAVA State plans filed by the fifty States, the District of Columbia and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 69 FR 14002. HAVA anticipated that States, territories and the District of Columbia would change or update their plans from time to time pursuant to HAVA Section 254(a)(11) through (13). HAVA Sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255 require EAC to publish such updates. This is the third revision to the State plan for Virginia.

The amendments to Virginia's State plan provide for compliance with Title III and with the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act). In accordance with HAVA Section 254(a)(12), all the State plans submitted for publication provide information on how the respective State succeeded in carrying out its previous State plan. Virginia confirms that its amendments to the State plan were developed and submitted to public comment in

accordance with HAVA Sections 254(a)(11), 255, and 256.

Upon the expiration of thirty days from April 18, 2012, the State is eligible to implement the changes addressed in the plan that is published herein, in accordance with HAVA Section 254(a)(11)(C). EAC wishes to acknowledge the effort that went into revising this State plan and encourages further public comment, in writing, to the State election official listed below.

#### Chief State Election Official

Mr. Donald Palmer, Secretary, State Board of Elections, Washington Building, First Floor, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Phone: (804) 864-8901 or 1(800) 552-9745, Fax: (804) 371-0194.

Thank you for your interest in improving the voting process in America.

Dated: April 3, 2012.

**Mark A. Robbins,**

*General Counsel & Acting Executive Director,  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-326-A]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Citigroup Energy Canada ULC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Citigroup Energy Canada ULC (CECU) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before May 18, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, 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

*Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by email to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On May 17, 2007, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-326 authorizing CECU to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term. The current export authority in Order No. EA-326 will expire on May 17, 2012. On April 3, 2012, CECU filed an application with DOE for renewal of that authority for an additional ten-year term.

In its application, CECU states that it “does not currently own or control electric generation or transmission facilities in any wholesale market in interstate commerce or have a power supply system of its own on which its exports of electricity could have a reliability, fuel use, or system stability impact.” CECU states that the electric power proposed to be exported to Canada will be purchased from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements and will be surplus to the system needs of the entities selling the power to CECU. The application also indicates that CECU is a power marketer authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to sell energy, capacity, and specified ancillary services at market-based rates.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by CECU 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 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 (385.214). Five 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 on the CECU application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 326-A. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Victoria

Sharp, Citigroup Energy Inc., 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77056 and with Vincenzo Franco, Esq., Van Ness Feldman, P.C., 1050 Thomas Jefferson St. NW., Seventh Floor, Washington, DC 20007. 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 a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse 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, by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845> or by emailing Angela Troy at *Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov*.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 12, 2012.

**Brian Mills,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of  
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals: Standard Work Specifications for Single Family Energy Upgrades

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** A notice of availability and request for comments on a revised version of *The Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals: Standard Work Specifications for Single Family Energy Upgrades* was published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2012. 77 FR 19008. A number of commenters indicated that because of the extent of changes to the revised version from the version previously made publically available, additional time should be provided for review and comment. This notice reopens the comment period on the revised guidelines to provide additional opportunity for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments on the *Guidelines for Home Energy Professionals: Standard Work Specifications for Single Family Energy Upgrades* must be received by 5