

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Australia—MK 54 Lightweight Torpedoes**

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of up to 100 MK 54 All-Up-Round Torpedoes, 13 MK 54 Exercise Sections, 13 MK 54 Exercise Fuel Tanks, 5 Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes, support and test equipment for Maintenance Facility upgrade to MK 695 Mod 1 capability, spare and repair parts, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$83 million. Australia is an important ally in the Western Pacific that contributes significantly to ensuring peace and stability in the region. Australia's efforts in peacekeeping and humanitarian operations have made a significant impact on regional, political and economic stability and have served U.S. national security interests.

Australia will use the MK 54 torpedo on its MH-60R helicopters and intends to use the torpedo on a planned purchase of the P-8A Increment 2 Maritime Patrol and Response aircraft. Australia, which currently has MK 54 torpedoes in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional torpedoes into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region. The principal contractor will be Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems in Keyport, Washington. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Australia. There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 13-37

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The MK 54 is a conventional torpedo that can be launched from surface ships, helicopters, and fixed wing aircraft. The MK 54 is an upgrade of the MK 46 torpedo. The upgrade to MK 54 entails replacement of the torpedo's sonar and guidance and control systems with updated

technology using a mixture of commercial off-the-shelf and custom-built electronics. The warhead, fuel tank, and propulsion system from the MK 46 torpedo are reconfigured for use in the MK 54. The MK 54 is highly effective against modern diesel and nuclear submarines, but currently does not have the capability to attack surface ships. The MK 54 uses advanced logic to detect and prosecute threat submarines operating in challenging littoral environments and is effective in the presence of advanced acoustic countermeasures.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-342-A]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Royal Bank of Canada

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

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) 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.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before August 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Lamont Jackson, 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 Lamont.Jackson@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lamont Jackson (Program Office) at 202-586-0808, or by email to Lamont.Jackson@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 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 4, 2008, DOE issued Order No. EA-342, which authorized RBC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority expires on September 4, 2013. On July 3, 2013, RBC filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-342 for an additional five-year term.

In its application, RBC states that it does not own, operate or control any electric generating or transmission facilities nor does the applicant have a franchised service area. The electric energy that RBC proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by RBC 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (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 (18 CFR 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 RBC application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-342-A. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Matthew S. Arnold, Senior Counsel, Royal Bank of Canada, 200 Bay Street, 14th Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J5 and Elizabeth Jordan, Director, Compliance, RBC Capital Markets, 200 Bay Street, 9th Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2J2. 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 sufficiency of supply or 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 July 9, 2013.

Brian Mills,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP13-507-000; PF12-20-000]

Northwest Pipeline GP; Notice of Application

Take notice that on June 25, 2013, Northwest Pipeline GP (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108, filed in Docket No. CP13-507-000 an abbreviated application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity to grant abandonment authorizations and issue a certificate authorizing Northwest to construct and operate its Washington Expansion Project (Project). The Project consists of: (i) Ten segments totaling approximately 140 miles of 36-inch-diameter pipeline on Northwest's existing system between Sumas and Woodland, Washington; (ii) additional compression totaling 89,620 horsepower at five existing compressor stations between Sumas and Woodland; (iii) metering facilities in Whatcom County, Washington; and (iv) miscellaneous appurtenances, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call

toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Project is designed to transport approximately 750,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas from Northwest's Sumas Meter Station to serve LNG Development Company, LLC (d/b/a Oregon LNG) (Oregon LNG) via an interconnect with Oregon Pipeline Company, LLC's proposed project filed with the Commission in Docket Nos. CP09-6-001 and CP09-7-001 on June 7, 2013, as well as to provide natural gas to growing markets in the state of Washington.

Questions regarding this application should be directed to Pam Barnes, Project Manager—Certificates at (801) 584-6857, Northwest Pipeline GP, 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108.

On July 16, 2012, the Commission staff granted Northwest's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF12-20 to staff activities involved with Northwest's project. Now, as of the filing of the application on June 25, 2013, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP13-507-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Furthermore, all e-Subscribers to PF12-20-000 received automatically generated email stating that your e-Subscription to Docket No. PF12-20-000 has also been assigned to Docket No. CP13-507-000, which includes all sub-docket numbers. The applicant has filed an application with the Commission in the new Docket No. CP13-507, which again includes all sub-docket numbers. The pre-filing Docket No. PF12-20 is now closed but will remain part of the record for this project. All future activity will be in the CP docket and you will continue to receive eSubscription emails for submittals and issuances in this proceeding, including any that may be filed under Docket No. PF12-20.

Because the Washington Expansion Project is a necessary part of the Oregon LNG bi-directional Terminal and Pipeline Project, the Commission will prepare a single Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing both projects in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 57.9, and to ensure compliance with the NEPA, 42 USC § 4321-4347, the Commission staff will issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review within 90 days of the date of this Notice. The Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will indicate, among other milestones,

the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final EIS for the proposal. The Notice will also alert other agencies of the requirement to complete necessary reviews and authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's final EIS.

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, before the comment date of this notice, 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.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the "e-Filing" link. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 12, 2013.