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Dated: February 27, 2018.

Margo Anderson,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comment on a proposed collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 1, 2018. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Jay Wrobel, EE-5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202-586-9234, or by email at chp@ee.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Jay Wrobel, EE-

5A/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, by fax at 202-586-9234, or by email at chp@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1910-NEW;
(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Packaged System e-Catalog (e-Catalog);
(3) *Type of Request:* New;
(4) *Purpose:* DOE's "CHP Technical Potential in the U.S." shows significant technical potential in commercial buildings and industrial facilities in the < 10MW size range. Due to building characteristic similarities, this size range is particularly disposed to standardization of CHP systems. The e-Catalog creates a mechanism to take advantage of this standardization including the risk and cost reduction that are expected to ensue. This request for information consists of a voluntary data collection process for e-Catalog participation: To enroll CHP packagers and CHP solutions providers; develop an e-Catalog of packaged CHP systems; and relay the benefits of packaged CHP system performance to industry. Typical respondents are expected to be CHP project developers, CHP designers and packagers, and state and local energy program offices. Each respondent should have experience with compiling the data requested. Participation in the e-Catalog is voluntary, and it is expected that respondents would already have access to the information requested in this collection.

There are four types of information to be collected from primary participants: (1) Background data, including contact information and basic information about the CHP packager's experience with CHP design, durability and performance testing—collected in the CHP Packager Enrollment Form; (2) Background data, including contact information and basic information about the CHP solutions provider's experience with CHP design, durability and performance testing, installation, operation and maintenance—collected in the CHP Solutions Provider Enrollment Form; (3) contact information and program description of market engagement programs that support Packaged CHP systems—collected in the Market Engagement Registration Form; and (4) Information, including packaged system component descriptions, design data, full-load and part-load performance data at three ambient conditions—collected in Packaged CHP System Application Form; Background data will primarily be used as a means to recognize CHP packagers and solution providers, and establish the e-Catalog.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 177;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 739;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$30,506.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Authority: Energy Policy Act of 2005 sec 911—Energy Efficiency and sec 106 Voluntary Commitments to Reduce Industrial Energy Intensity.

Issued in Washington, DC on February 21, 2018.

Rob Ivester,

Director, Advanced Manufacturing Office, Technical Partnerships.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-443]

Application for Presidential Permit; GridAmerica Holdings Inc.

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

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: GridAmerica Holdings Inc. (GridAmerica) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the United States border with Canada.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260 or via electronic mail at Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov;

Rishi Garg (Program Attorney) at 202–586–0258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On December 22, 2017, GridAmerica filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit for the Granite State Power Link Project (GSPL Project). GridAmerica is a direct wholly owned unregulated subsidiary of National Grid USA (“National Grid USA” and its subsidiaries, collectively, “National Grid”). The Applicant has its principal place of business in Waltham, MA.

GridAmerica proposes to construct, operate, maintain and connect a 1,200 megawatt (MW) overhead high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission cable system to deliver electricity from Quebec. The GSPL Project will consist of new electric transmission facilities between the Canadian Province of Quebec and Monroe, New Hampshire. From the U.S. border, two new 315 kilovolt (kV) overhead double circuit alternating current (AC) lines, supported by a single structure, will extend from the international border between Canada and the United States for approximately 0.5 miles to an alternating current/direct current (AC/DC) converter station located in Norton, Vermont. A new ± 400 kV overhead High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electric transmission line will connect the new Norton Converter Station to a new DC/AC converter station located in Monroe, New Hampshire. The path of the transmission line will parallel the right-of-way of an existing Quebec-New England HVDC line. From the Monroe Converter station, a new single circuit 345kV line will extend approximately 215 feet to a new substation constructed by New England Power where it will then interconnect into the New England electric grid. The proposed GSPL Line will extend a distance of approximately 59 miles from the U.S.-Canada border to Monroe, NH.

Since the restructuring of the electric industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be

subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the Federal Power Act and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order No. 888, (Promoting Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public Utilities), 61 FR 21,540 (May 10, 1996), as amended.

Procedural Matters: Any person may comment on this application by filing such comment at the mailing address or by emailing Christopher Lawrence at Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov provided above. A copy of each comment should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such comments shall be filed with: Mr. Joseph Rossignoli Director, U.S. Business Development, GridAmerica Holdings Inc., 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451, Joseph.Rossignoli@nationalgrid.com and Mr. Timothy Roskelley, Anderson & Kreiger LLP, 50 Milk Street, Boston, MA 02109, roskelley@andersonkreiger.com.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, DOE must determine that the proposed action is in the public interest. In making that determination, DOE may consider the environmental impacts of the proposed project; the project's impact on electric reliability by ascertaining whether the proposed project would adversely affect the operation of the U.S. electric power supply system under normal and contingency conditions; and any other factors that DOE may also deem relevant to the public interest. Also, DOE must obtain the concurrences of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/international-electricity-regulation-2>.

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Christopher A. Lawrence,
Electricity Policy Analyst, National Electricity Delivery Division, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC18–60–000.

Applicants: Dominion Energy, Inc., SCANA Corporation, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

Description: Joint Application for Approval under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Waivers and Confidential Treatment of Dominion Energy, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 2/23/18.

Accession Number: 20180223–5172.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 4/24/18.

Docket Numbers: EC18–61–000.

Applicants: NRG Yield, Inc., NRG Renew LLC, Carlsbad Energy Center LLC.

Description: Application for Approval Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Expedited Action of NRG Yield, Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 2/23/18.

Accession Number: 20180223–5173.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/18.

Docket Numbers: EC18–62–000.

Applicants: Stephentown Spindle, LLC, Hazle Spindle, LLC, Convergent Energy and Power LP.

Description: Joint Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Request for Waivers, and Request for Expedited Action of Stephentown Spindle, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 2/23/18.

Accession Number: 20180223–5175.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/16/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10–2507–015.

Applicants: Westar Energy, Inc.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Westar Energy, Inc.
Filed Date: 2/26/18.

Accession Number: 20180226–5097.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 3/19/18.

Docket Numbers: ER10–3297–012.

Applicants: Powerex Corp.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Powerex Corp.