

Air Force Base will be invited as cooperating agencies for this proposal.

Scoping And Public Comments: Native Americans, federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and the public are invited to be involved in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS by participating in scoping meetings and/or submitting written comments. Written comments will be accepted within 30 days of publication of the NOI in the **Federal Register**. The scoping process will help identify possible alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and key issues of concern to be analyzed in the EIS. Scoping meetings will be held in El Paso, Texas, and Alamogordo and Las Cruces, New Mexico. Notification of the times and locations for the scoping meetings will be locally announced and published.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Acquisition of Items for Which Federal Prison Industries Has a Significant Market Share

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing this notification to set forth an up-to-date list of product categories for which the Federal Prison Industries' share of the DoD market is greater than five percent.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 8, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Defense and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Susan Pollack, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060; telephone (703) 697-8336.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2008, Public Law 110-181, amended DoD's competition requirements for acquisition of products from Federal Prison Industries (FPI). On November 19, 2009, a final rule was published at 74 FR 59914, which amended the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) at subpart 208.6 to implement section 827.

Among other things, section 827 required DoD to publish a list of product categories for which FPI's share of the

DoD market was greater than five percent, based on the most recent fiscal year data available. Section 827 also provides for modification of the published list if DoD subsequently determines that new data require adding or omitting a product category from the list.

This notification provides a modified list of FPI product categories exceeding five percent of the DoD market, based on Fiscal Year 2011 data obtained from the Federal Procurement Data System. An identical list is also found in the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) memorandum dated January 12, 2012. (The DPAP memorandum with the updated list of product categories for which FPI has a significant market share is posted at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA007288-11-DPAP.pdf>.)

Accordingly, the updated product categories for which FPI's share of the DOD market is greater than five percent are:

- 3625 (Textile Industries Machinery);
- 3990 (Miscellaneous Materials Handling Equipment);
- 6020 (Fiber Optic Cable Assemblies and Harnesses);
- 7110 (Office Furniture);
- 7230 (Draperies, Awnings, and Shades);
- 8420 (Underwear and Nightwear, Men's); and
- 8465 (Individual Equipment).

Product categories on the updated list, and the products within each identified product category, must be procured using competitive or fair opportunity procedures in accordance with DFARS 208.602-70(c)(1). FPI must be included in the solicitation process and will be considered in accordance with the policy set forth in 8.602(a)(4)(ii) through (v) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Mary Overstreet,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-334]

Notice of Availability for Public Comment of Interconnection Facilities Studies Prepared for the Proposed Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Project

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

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment of Interconnection Facilities Studies.

SUMMARY: Sempra Generation applied to the Department of Energy (DOE), on behalf of Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Mexico, currently referred to as the Energia Sierra Juarez Transmission Project (ESJ Project). The ESJ Project would connect a wind energy project to be built in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. DOE hereby announces the availability for public comment of the Interconnection Studies prepared for the ESJ Project.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Dr. Jerry Pell, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0001. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov (preferred), or by facsimile to (202) 318-7761.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jerry Pell (Program Office) at (202) 586-3362, or by email to Jerry.Pell@hq.doe.gov, or contact Brian Mills at (202) 586-8267, or by email to Brian.Mills@hq.doe.gov.

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 (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On December 20, 2007, Sempra Generation, on behalf of Energia Sierra Juarez U.S. Transmission, LLC, filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of DOE for a Presidential permit. That application was originally noticed in the **Federal Register** for public comment on February 22, 2008 (73 FR 9782). The proposed transmission line project would connect up to 1,250 megawatts of electric power produced from wind turbines to be located in the vicinity of La Rumorosa, Baja California, Mexico, to SDG&E's existing Southwest

Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kV transmission line. This La Rumorosa Wind Energy Project is now referred to as the ESJ Wind Project. The proposed transmission facilities would be about two-thirds of a mile long inside the United States and two miles long inside Mexico, and consist of either a double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) or a single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Mexico international border in the vicinity of Jacumba, San Diego County, California. The proposed facilities would include a loop-in substation on the SWPL. The proposed loop-in substation, known as the East County Substation (ECO Sub), would be owned and operated by SDG&E. From the U.S.-Mexico border, the proposed transmission line would continue south approximately two additional miles to its origination point at a future 230/500-kV substation. The proposed transmission line located in Mexico and the 230/500-kV substation would be constructed, owned, operated, and maintained by a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Mexico.

The proposed transmission line would be used to transmit the entire electrical output of the first phase of the ESJ Wind Project from Mexico to the United States (about 130 MW). Energy would not be exported from the United States to Mexico, except for the small amount of electrical energy needed for wind turbine lubrication, hydraulic, and control systems when the wind generators are not operating. Any entity exporting such electrical energy from the United States would require an electricity export authorization issued by DOE under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

This Notice now announces the availability for public comment of the Interconnection Facilities Studies prepared as part of the application by Sempra Generation in conjunction with the California Independent System Operator that controls the grid connected to the project and SDG&E, which is the participating transmission owner. These technical transmission studies are available on DOE's project Web site at <http://esjprojecteis.org>; first go to the "Document Library" and then select the "Reliability Studies" section that has been added at the very top of that page.

All comments received in response to this Notice will be posted on DOE's project Web site and made a part of the record in this proceeding to be considered by DOE before making a final determination on the issuance of a Presidential permit for the ESJ Project.

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 considers the environmental impacts of the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, determines 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 consider 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.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 2, 2012.

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 No. RD11-3-000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725A); Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the information collection FERC-725A, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System as contained in the Commission Order in Docket No. RD11-3-000, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. In compliance with section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Commission previously solicited comments on the information collection requirements associated with a modification to a Mandatory Reliability Standard, in an order published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 72197, 11/22/2011). FERC received no comments in response to

that notice and has made this notation in its submission to OMB.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due by March 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed with OMB, identified by OMB Control No. 1902-0244, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: oir_submission@omb.gov. Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at (202) 395-4718.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, identified by the Docket No. RD11-3-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's Web Site:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Instructions: All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-725A, Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System.

OMB Control No.: 1902-0244.

Type of Request: Three-year approval of the FERC-725A information collection requirements associated with FERC Docket No. RD11-3-000.

Abstract: This information collection relates to FERC-approved Reliability Standard FAC-013-2—Assessment of Transfer Capability for the Near-Term Transmission Planning Horizon. This modified Reliability Standard upgrades the existing planning requirements contained in FAC-013-1, and specifically requires planning coordinators to have a methodology for and to perform an annual assessment identifying potential future transmission system weaknesses and limiting facilities that could impact the bulk