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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-420]

### Application for Presidential Permit; Nogales Interconnection Project

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Nogales Transmission, L.L.C., (Nogales Transmission) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect an electric transmission line across the United States border with Mexico.

**DATES:** Comments or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before June 20, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or motions to intervene 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](mailto: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 (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On April 8, 2016, Nogales Transmission filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. Nogales Transmission has its principal place of business in Dallas, Texas. Nogales Transmission is owned by Hunt Power, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Hunt Power), which in turn is a subsidiary of Hunt Consolidated, Inc.

Nogales Transmission proposes to construct and operate the Nogales

Interconnection Project (the Project), an approximately five mile long overhead transmission system originating at the Valencia Substation in Nogales, Arizona, connecting to the proposed Gateway Substation three miles to the West and then crossing the U.S. border two miles to the south of the Gateway Substation. The proposed project facilities would be capable of transmitting up to 300 megawatts (MW) of power.

The U.S. portion of the proposed project would cross the U.S.-Mexico border west of the Mariposa Point of Entry. From the Valencia Substation to the Gateway Substation, a three mile, 138 kV line would be constructed. A 300 MW bi-directional Back-to-Back HVDC Converter will be located at the Gateway substation, connecting the WECC system to the Mexico system. The Back-to-Back HVDC Converter will have two phases with each phase capable of 150 MW of bi-directional flow between the WECC and Mexico systems. From the Gateway Substation to the border, a 230 kV line would run approximately two miles to the Mexico border.

The Project will be operated in accordance with the established engineering and technical criteria of the Western Electric Coordinating Council. System impact studies are being conducted to analyze the effect of importing and exporting the entire 300 MWs across the Back-to-Back HVDC system.

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; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶31,036 (1996)), as amended.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person may comment on this application by filing

such comment at the address provided above. Any person seeking to become a party to this proceeding must file a motion to intervene at the address provided above in accordance with Rule 214 of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214). Two copies of each comment or motion to intervene should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such motions to intervene also should be filed directly with: Enrique Marroquin, Nogales Transmission, LLC, 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, TX 75201.

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 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.

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/oe/services/electricity-policy-coordination-and-implementation/international-electricity-regulation-2>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB) Meeting

**AGENCY:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open live board meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a Board meeting of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** June 14, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; June 15, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Rd, Berkeley, CA 94720 (Exact meeting room TBD).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Li, Policy Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number 202-287-5189, and email [Michael.li@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Michael.li@ee.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

*Tentative Agenda:* Meet with and hear from the team at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory to get an overview of projects based around energy efficiency and reliability. Also to see how STEAB members can be engaged in upcoming projects lab members are working on.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Monica Neukomm at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 90 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.energy.gov/eere/steab/state-energy-advisory-board>.

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**LaTanya Butler,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Energy Information Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Extension With Changes**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** EIA, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget, intends to extend for 3 years, with changes, the following forms:

- Form EIA-63B, "Photovoltaic Module Shipments Report,"
- Form EIA-411, "Coordinated Bulk Power Supply Program Report,"
- Form EIA-826, "Monthly Electric Utility Sales and Revenue Report with State Distributions," (discontinued form to be replaced by Form EIA-861M),
- Form EIA-860, "Annual Electric Generator Report,"
- Form EIA-860M, "Monthly Update to the Annual Electric Generator Report,"
- Form EIA-861, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report,"
- Form EIA-861S, "Annual Electric Power Industry Report (Short Form),"
- Form EIA-861M, "Monthly Electric Power Industry Report" (replaces Form EIA-826),
- Form EIA-923, "Power Plant Operations Report," and
- Form EIA-930, "Balancing Authority Operations Report."

*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.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 18, 2016. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Rebecca Peterson. To ensure receipt of the

comments by the due date, email is recommended ([Electricity2017@eia.gov](mailto:Electricity2017@eia.gov)). The postal mailing address is U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Mail Stop EI-23, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Peterson at the email address listed above. Alternatively, Ms. Peterson may be contacted on (202) 586-4509. The proposed forms and instructions, along with related information on this clearance package, can be viewed at <http://www.eia.gov/survey/changes/electricity/solar/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains the following:

- (1) OMB No. 1905-0129.
  - (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Form EIA-63B, "Photovoltaic Module Shipments Report."
  - (3) *Type of Request:* Extension, with changes, of a currently approved collection.
  - (4) *Purpose:* The Form EIA-63B tracks photovoltaic module manufacturing, shipments, technology types, revenue and related information. The data collected on this form appear in various EIA publications. The data are used by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Congress, other government and non-government entities, and the public to monitor the current status and trends of the photovoltaic industry and to evaluate the future of the industry.
- (4a) *Proposed Changes:* EIA proposes to:

- Change the title of the survey to Form EIA-63B, "Photovoltaic Module Shipments Report."
- Change the reporting period from annual to monthly.
- Reduce the monthly frame to include only 'large' producers with the intent of capturing at least 90% of peak kilowatts shipped. Respondents reporting total shipments of at least 100,000 peak kilowatts (kWp) during the previous year will be surveyed monthly.
- Survey the entire frame of all known U.S. producers annually with a short version of the form that collects data only on Schedule 1, Contact Information, Schedule 4, Photovoltaic Module Source and Disposition, and Schedule 7, Comments.
- In Schedule 3, Industry Status, add Part E, Production Capacity for Manufacturing Photovoltaic Modules, in order to collect current and planned maximum annual production capacity