

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) give DOE the authority to grant exclusive or partially exclusive licenses in federally-owned inventions where a determination is made, among other things, that the desired practical application of the invention has not been achieved, or is not likely to be achieved expeditiously, under a nonexclusive license. The statute and implementing regulations (37 CFR 404) require that the necessary determinations be made after public notice and opportunity for filing written comments and objections.

Brookhaven Science Associates has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in the patent and has plans for commercialization of the invention.

Within 15 days of publication of this notice, any person may submit in writing to DOE's General Counsel for Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Office (see contact information), either of the following, together with supporting documents:

(i) A statement setting forth reasons why it would not be in the best interest of the United States to grant the proposed license; or (ii) An application for a nonexclusive license to the invention, in which applicant states that it already has brought the invention to practical application or is likely to bring the invention to practical application expeditiously.

The proposed license would be exclusive, subject to a license and other rights retained by the United States, and subject to a negotiated royalty. DOE will review all timely written responses to this notice, and will grant the licenses if, after expiration of the 15-day notice period, and after consideration of any written responses to this notice, a determination is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c) that the licenses are in the public interest.

**Brian Lally,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[OE Docket Nos. PP-423, PP-424 and PP-425]**

**Notice of Issuance of Presidential Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance.

**SUMMARY:** On February 13, 2017, the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability issued Presidential permits PP-423, PP-424, and PP-425 to AEP Texas Inc., transferring the authorizations in PP-94, PP-210, and PP-317 to a new corporate entity.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by email to [Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov), or Katherine Konieczny (Program Attorney) at 202-586-0503.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** AEP Texas Central Company (AEP TCC) and AEP Utilities, Inc. (AEP Utilities) filed joint applications to voluntarily transfer the facilities authorized by Presidential permit Nos. PP-94, PP-219, and PP-317 to AEP Texas Inc. on July 20, 2016. The applications requested that the Department of Energy (DOE) rescind the Presidential permits held by AEP TCC and simultaneously issue permits to AEP Texas Inc., the new name of AEP Utilities, covering the same international transmission facilities from the previous permits. DOE issued the new Presidential permits on February 13, 2017.

DOE deemed the rescission and reissuance of these permits to be primarily clerical in nature because the facilities at issue already exist and there will be no physical or operational changes to the facilities. The prior permit holder is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of the current entity that will own and operate the facilities after a corporate reorganization. There will be no change in ultimate control of the facilities; they will be owned and operated by a different entity in the same chain of ownership of the facilities.

Prior to issuing any new Presidential permit, however, DOE must obtain concurrence from the Departments of State and Defense pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended by Executive Order 12038. DOE obtained such concurrence from the Department of State and the Department of Defense on December 28, 2016 and January 18, 2017, respectively, for the issuances of PP-423, PP-424 and PP-425.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 13, 2017.

**Christopher A. Lawrence,**

*Electricity Policy Analyst, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Proposed Subsequent Arrangement**

**AGENCY:** Office of Nonproliferation and Arms Control, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Proposed subsequent arrangement.

**SUMMARY:** This document is being issued under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The Department is providing notice of a proposed subsequent arrangement under the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom).

**DATES:** This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than April 18, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Goorevich, Office of Nonproliferation and Arms Control, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy. Telephone: 202-586-0589 or email: [Richard.Goorevich@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:Richard.Goorevich@nnsa.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This subsequent arrangement concerns the change of end use and alteration in form and content of 3.510 kg of U.S.-obligated high enriched uranium (HEU), 3.264 kg of which is in the isotope of U-235 (~93.00 percent enrichment). This material was among the 93.5 kg of HEU, 87.3 kg of which was in the isotope of U-235 (93.35 percent enrichment), which was exported, pursuant to export license XSNM3622, to Compagnie pour l'Etude et la Réalisation de Combustibles Atomiques (CERCA), Romans, France to be manufactured into fuel for the BR2 research and isotope production reactor in Belgium. The remaining HEU that is at CERCA, currently in the form of U-metal (1.410 kg U<sup>Tot</sup>) and UAl<sub>x</sub>-powder (2.10 kg U<sup>Tot</sup>), will be fabricated into HEU targets (dispersion UAl<sub>x</sub>-Al, annular geometry) for commercial production of medical radioisotopes. The targets will be irradiated in BR2 (Belgium), High Flux Reactor (The Netherlands), LVR-15 (Czech Republic) and Maria (Poland) research reactors. The irradiated targets will be transferred to the Institute for Radioelements facility in Belgium

where Molybdenum-99 and other isotopes will be extracted.

In accordance with section 131a. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, it has been determined that this subsequent arrangement concerning the change of end use and alternation in form or content of U.S. obligated nuclear material will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States of America.

Dated: March 21, 2017.

For the Department of Energy.

**David Huizenga,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. PP-435]

### Application for Presidential Permit; Houlton Water Company

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Houlton Water Company (Houlton) 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 or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before May 3, 2017.

**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 (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038.

On January 13, 2017, Houlton filed an application with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. Houlton Water

Company has its principal place of business in Houlton, Maine. Houlton Water Company is the municipal utility owned by the Town of Houlton, Maine.

Houlton proposes to construct and operate the U.S. portion of the Houlton/New Brunswick Power Interconnection (the Project). In total, the project would be an approximately 11.8 mile overhead transmission system originating at the Woodstock, New Brunswick substation in Canada and terminate in the town of Houlton, Maine. From the Woodstock Substation, a 69kV transmission line would run approximately 9.3 miles to a new substation near the Canadian/U.S. border in Canada. From that substation, a 38kV line would run less than a mile to the U.S. border. From there a 1.5 mile, 38kV transmission line would extend from the U.S. border to connect into the Houlton, Maine electric distribution system.

The U.S. portion of the proposed project would cross the U.S.-Canada border near 67 degrees—46 min—52.48 sec W.; and 46 degrees—7 min—58.16 sec N.

The Project will be operated in accordance with mandatory reliability standards enforced by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

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: John Clark, General Manager, Houlton Water Company, 21 Bangor Street, Houlton, ME 04730 AND Greg Sherman, Assistant General Manager, Houlton Water Company, 21 Bangor Street, Houlton, ME 04730 AND Greg Williams, Temco Legal, LLC, 5060 Amesbury Drive, Columbia, MD 21044.

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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**Christopher A. Lawrence,**

*Electricity Policy Analyst, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Nevada. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 4:00 p.m.