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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Cost-Sharing Partnerships With the Private Sector in Fusion Energy

AGENCY: Fusion Energy Sciences (FES) Program, Office of Science (SC), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Request for information (RFI).

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Energy is developing a plan for a possible cost share program in fusion reactor technologies. This RFI invites interested parties to provide DOE-SC input on the topical areas, program objectives, eligibility requirements, program organization and structure, public and private roles and responsibilities, funding modalities, and assessment criteria of such an initiative.

DATES: Written comments and information are requested on or before May 15, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The DOE Office of Science is using the <http://www.regulations.gov> system for the submission and posting of public comments in this proceeding. All comments in response to this RFI are therefore to be submitted electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov>, via the web form accessed by following the "Submit a Formal Comment" link near the top right of the **Federal Register** web page for this RFI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information may be submitted to Dr. John Mandrekas, (301) 903-4923, CostShareFusion@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Recognizing the recent surge in interest and investments by the private sector in the development of fusion energy, the DOE-SC FES program has been exploring partnership initiatives to leverage the private sector efforts, with the objective of accelerating progress toward the realization of fusion energy and solidifying U.S. leadership in this critical energy technology of the future. As a first step, FES launched the Innovation Network for Fusion Energy (INFUSE)¹ program which provides private-sector fusion companies with

access to the expertise and facilities of DOE's national laboratories to overcome critical scientific and technological hurdles in pursuing development of fusion energy systems. INFUSE is modeled after the successful Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) voucher program² established by the DOE Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE) Office. As in the GAIN voucher program, INFUSE does not provide funding directly to the private companies, but instead provides support to the partnering DOE laboratories to enable them to collaborate with their industrial partners.

As a next step, DOE-SC is exploring cost share partnership programs where the funding is provided directly to the private-sector companies under a performance-based milestone-driven approach. Such a program could be modeled after successful milestone-driven cost share programs established by other DOE offices or federal agencies, such as the Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)³ and the non-voucher part of GAIN programs of DOE-NE, as well as NASA's Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) program.⁴ DOE is also exploring the establishment of a fusion public-private partnership cost share program in reactor technologies.

Request for Information: The objective of this request for information is to gather input about the topical areas, program objectives, eligibility requirements, program organization and structure, public and private roles and responsibilities, funding modalities, and assessment criteria of such an initiative.

DOE-SC is not announcing an intention or an interest in procuring goods and services for its use. This RFI makes no statement about the possibility that DOE-SC might issue one or more solicitations for either procurement or financial assistance activities in the future. DOE-SC seeks input about how best to create a public benefit through expanding partnerships with the private sector in the field of fusion energy.

Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials. Note that comments will be

² Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN), <https://inl.gov/research-program/gain/>.

³ Advanced Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), <https://www.energy.gov/ne/nuclear-reactor-technologies/small-modular-nuclear-reactors>.

⁴ National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS), <https://www.nasa.gov/commercial-orbital-transportation-services-cots>.

made publicly available as submitted. Any information that may be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should be submitted as described below.

Confidential Business Information: Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.11, any person submitting information he or she believes to be confidential and exempt by law from public disclosure should submit via email: One copy of the document marked "confidential" including all the information believed to be confidential, and one copy of the document marked "non-confidential" with the information believed to be confidential deleted. DOE will make its own determination about the confidential status of the information and treat it according to its determination. Factors of interest to DOE when evaluating requests to treat submitted information as confidential include: (1) A description of the items, (2) whether and why such items are customarily treated as confidential within the industry, (3) whether the information is generally known by or available from other sources, (4) whether the information has previously been made available to others without obligation concerning confidentiality, (5) an explanation of the competitive injury to the submitting person which would result from public disclosure, (6) when such information might lose its confidential character due to the passage of time, and (7) why disclosure of the information would be contrary to the public interest.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 9, 2020.

Chris Fall,

Director, Office of Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-409-A]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Saracen Power LP

AGENCY: Office of Electricity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Saracen Power LP (Applicant or Saracen) has applied to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before May 20, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for

¹ Innovation Network for Fusion Energy (INFUSE), <https://infuse.ornl.gov/>.

more information should be addressed by electronic mail to Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to (202) 586-8008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 18, 2015, DOE issued Order EA-409, which authorized Saracen to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities appropriate for open access. The authorization expires on June 18, 2020. On March 31, 2020, Saracen filed an application (Application or App.) with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA-409.

Saracen states that it is a “Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas,” that it “is controlled by Saracen Energy Trading LP (“SET”), a Texas limited partnership and the sole general partner of Saracen Power LP,” and that “[t]he general partner of SET is SET GP LLC, a Texas limited liability company that in turn is owned by individuals Neil Kelley and Mark Wilken.” App. at 2. The Applicant further states that it “will purchase the power to be exported to Canada from wholesale generators, electric utilities, and federal power marketing agencies.” *Id.* at 3. Saracen contends that its proposed exports “will not impair or tend to impede the sufficiency of electric power supplies in the United States or the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operations.” *Id.* at 4.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant 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 Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding

should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning Saracen’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-409-A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Allison P. Duensing, General Counsel, The Saracen Group of Companies, 3033 W Alabama St., Houston, TX 77098, aduensing@saracenergy.com and Daniel E. Frank & Allison E. Speaker, Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, 700 Sixth St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001-3980, danielfrank@evershedssutherland.com, allisonspeaker@evershedssutherland.com.

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 DOE determines 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, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Matthew Aronoff at matthew.aronoff@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 14, 2020.

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Transmission Permitting and Technical
Assistance, Office of Electricity.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-49-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Review of a Proposed Amendment of the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project

This notice identifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff’s revised schedule for the completion of the environmental assessment (EA) for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC’s Northeast Supply Enhancement Project Amendment. The first notice of schedule, issued on March 25, 2020, identified May 15, 2020 as the EA issuance date. However, we received few comments regarding the access road

that is the subject of the amendment. As a result, staff has revised the schedule for issuance of the EA.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of the EA April 24, 2020
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline July 23, 2020

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project’s progress.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP20-49), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: April 14, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 10721-032]

Idaho Aviation Foundation; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Intent To Waive Scoping, Soliciting Motions To Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Terms and Conditions, Recommendations, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed