

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Emera Energy Services Subsidiary No. 8 LLC (the Applicant or EES No. 8) has applied for renewed 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 January 26, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Gomer, (240) 474-2403, [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 CFR 205.300 *et seq.*). Sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)) transferred this regulatory authority, previously exercised by the now-defunct Federal Power Commission, to DOE.

Section 202(e) of the FPA provides that an entity which seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing that export. (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

In May 2014, DOE issued Order No. EA-393, authorizing EES No. 8 to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term. This authority was renewed in 2019 (Order No. EA-393-A). On November 9, 2023, EES No. 8 filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of their export authority for another five-year term. App. at 1.

In its Application, EES No. 8 states that it is a "wholly-owned subsidiary of Emera Incorporated ('Emera'), a Nova Scotia company that is a publicly-traded diversified energy and services company." *Id.* at 1. EES No. 8 states that it "is currently authorized to export electric energy from the United States to Canada and has also received market-based rate authority from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ('FERC')." *Id.* at 1-2. According to the Application, the Applicant's parent company, Emera, "owns other energy

concerns." *Id.* at 2. However, the Applicant states EES No. 8 itself "does not own or control any electric power generation or transmission facilities and does not have a franchised electric power service area." *Id.* at 6.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. *See* App. at Exhibit C.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov). Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of FERC's 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 [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov) in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning EES No. 8's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-393-B. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Keith Sutherland, Vice President, Legal & Regulatory Affairs, Emera Energy, Inc., 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS B3J 1A1, Canada, [keith.sutherland@emeraenergy.com](mailto:keith.sutherland@emeraenergy.com), Jeffrey Jakubiak, Vinson & Elkins LLP, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10036, [JJakubiak@velaw.com](mailto:JJakubiak@velaw.com), and Jennifer Mansh, Vinson & Elkins LLP, 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20037, [JMansh@velaw.com](mailto:JMansh@velaw.com).

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

Copies of this Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/pending-applications-0> or by emailing [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**Signing Authority:** This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 19, 2023, by Maria Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative

purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC on December 20, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-458-A]

### Application for Renewal of Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC (the Applicant) has applied for renewed authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before January 26, 2024.

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authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On November 2, 2018, DOE issued Order No. EA-458 authorizing Sempra Gas & Power Marketing LLC to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a term of five years. On November 1, 2023, Sempra Gas & Power Marketing LLC filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of their export authority for a period of ten years or for such period that DOE deems appropriate. App. at 3.

In its Application, the Applicant states it is a Delaware limited liability company and is a "wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Sempra f/k/a Sempra Energy, a public utility holding company based in San Diego, California." *Id.* at 1-2. The Applicant further states it is a gas and power marketer and "is not a franchised public utility with a transmission or distribution system, and does not have captive customers." *Id.* at 1. The Applicant represents that "[t]he electric energy that [the] Applicant would export on a firm or interruptible basis would be surplus energy purchased in wholesale markets in bilateral, voluntary transactions." *Id.* at 5.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. See App. at Exhibit C.

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Comments and other filings concerning the Applicant's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-458-A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Jerrod Harrison and Kevin Ding, Sempra Infrastructure, 488 8th Avenue, HQ12, San Diego, CA 92101, [jharrison@sempraglobal.com](mailto:jharrison@sempraglobal.com) and [kding@sempraglobal.com](mailto:kding@sempraglobal.com), and Brett Snyder and Lamiya Rahman, Blank Rome LLP, 1825 Eye Street NW, Washington DC

20006, [brett.snyder@blankrome.com](mailto:brett.snyder@blankrome.com) and [lamiya.rahman@blankrome.com](mailto:lamiya.rahman@blankrome.com).

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

**AGENCY:** Office of Science, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open virtual meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, January 18, 2024; 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** Information for viewing the livestream of the meeting can be found on the PCAST website closer to the

meeting at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Melissa A. Edwards, Designated Federal Officer, PCAST, email: [PCAST@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:PCAST@ostp.eop.gov); telephone: 202-881-9018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PCAST is an advisory group of the nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from the White House, cabinet departments, and other Federal agencies. See the Executive Order at [whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). PCAST is consulted on and provides analyses and recommendations concerning a wide range of issues where understanding of science, technology, and innovation may bear on the policy choices before the President. The Designated Federal Officer is Dr. Melissa A. Edwards. Information about PCAST can be found at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST).

**Tentative Agenda:** PCAST may discuss and vote on the approval of two reports, one on improving the cyber-physical resilience of the nation's critical infrastructure and another on greenhouse gas measuring and monitoring. Additional information and the meeting agenda, including any changes that arise, will be posted on the PCAST website at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings).

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be held virtually for members of the public. It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments no longer than 10 pages and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on January 18, 2024, at time specified in the meeting agenda. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST's work, not for business marketing purposes.

**Oral Comments:** To be considered for the public speaker list at the meeting, interested parties should register to speak at [PCAST@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:PCAST@ostp.eop.gov), no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 11, 2024. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of up to 10 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST will select speakers on a first-come, first-served basis from those who registered. Those not able to present oral