

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.

**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 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 [kdilling@sempraglobal.com](mailto:kdilling@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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**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

### 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

comments may file written comments with the council.

**Written Comments:** Although written comments are accepted continuously, written comments should be submitted to [PCAST@ostp.eop.gov](mailto:PCAST@ostp.eop.gov) no later than 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 11, 2024, so that the comments can be made available to the PCAST members for their consideration prior to this meeting.

PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST website at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings).

**Minutes:** Minutes will be available within 45 days at: [www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings](http://www.whitehouse.gov/PCAST/meetings).

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 21, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-257-F]

### Application for Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Emera Energy Services, Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Emera Energy Services, Inc. (the Applicant or EES) 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 Redellegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

In April 2002, DOE issued Order No. EA-257, authorizing EES to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. This authority was renewed in 2004 (Order No. EA-257-A), 2006 (Order No. EA-257-B), 2009 (Order No. EA-257-C), 2014 (Order No. EA-257-D), and 2019 (Order No. EA-257-E). On October 25, 2023, EES filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of their export authority for a five-year term. App at 1.

In its Application, EES states that it is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Kittery, Maine. *Id.* EES states 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.* The Application represents that EES is authorized to export energy from the United States to Canada and has market-based authority from FERC to provide wholesale and retail marketing services as a power marketer. *Id.* at 1-2. The Applicant notes that Emera holds ownership interests in various subsidiaries that provide energy services. *Id.* at 2-6. Although some of Emera's subsidiaries own and control electric power generation and transmission facilities, the Applicant asserts that EES 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. EES represents that it will "purchase surplus electric energy from electric utilities and other suppliers within the United States and will export this energy to Canada" and that the "export of power will not impair the sufficiency of electric power supply in the U.S." App. at 7. 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. *Id.* at Exhibit C.

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Comments and other filings concerning EES' Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-257-F. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Keith Sutherland, 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 Ave., Suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20037, [JMansh@velaw.com](mailto:JMansh@velaw.com).

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