

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[GDO Docket No. EA-506]

**Application for Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Second Foundation US Trading, LLC****AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Second Foundation US Trading, LLC (the Applicant or SFUST, LLC) has applied for 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 March 11, 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.

On January 8, 2024, the Applicant filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for export authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a term of five-years. App. at 1.

SFUST, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. App. at 1. The Applicant states it is "a power marketer engaged in the business of marketing and trading electric energy and other energy related products in the United States." *Id.* at 2. According to the Application, SFUST, LLC is solely owned by Second Foundation Holding,

a joint-stock company organized under the laws of the Czech Republic. *Id.* The Applicant states it "is authorized to sell wholesale electric energy, capacity and ancillary services at market-based rates pursuant to authority granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under a wholesale power sales tariff currently on file with FERC in Docket No. ER22-2959-000." *Id.*

According to the Application, SFUST, LLC does not "own any franchised service territory, and does not control any electric generation or transmission facilities in the United States" and "has no other affiliates or upstream owners that own any franchised service territory or control any electric generation or transmission facilities in the United States." App. at 2. Further, SFUST, LLC notes it "will purchase surplus electric energy to be exported from a variety of entities within the United States including power marketers, wholesale generators, electric utilities, and federal power marketing agencies." *Id.* at 4. The Applicant asserts its proposed exports will be "surplus to the needs of those entities selling electric power to the Applicant" and "will not impair the sufficiency of electric supply within the United States[.]" *Id.* Further, the Applicant states its exports will be "transmitted pursuant to arrangements with utilities that own and operate existing transmission facilities and will be consistent with all applicable export limits on transmission facilities," and thus the Applicant asserts it "meets the second statutory criterion of Section 202(e)." *Id.* at 5.

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. *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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (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 SFUST, LLC's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-507. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Jakub Sedlacek, Chief Operating Officer,

Second Foundation US Trading, LLC, 808 Travis St., Suite 1030, Houston, TX 77002, [jakub.sedlacek@second-foundation.com](mailto:jakub.sedlacek@second-foundation.com), and Zori Ferkin, King & Spalding LLP, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20006, [zferkin@kslaw.com](mailto:zferkin@kslaw.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 January 30, 2024, 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 February 6, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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[GDO Docket No. EA-505]

**Application for Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Altop Energy Trading LLC****AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Altop Energy Trading LLC (the Applicant) has applied for 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 March 11, 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.

On December 28, 2023, the Applicant filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico for a term of five-years. App. at 1.

Altop Energy Trading LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. App. at 1. The Applicant is engaged in the trading and marketing of both financial and physical electricity in the wholesale power markets in North America. *Id.* Altop Energy Trading LLC represents that is "solely owned by Altop Energy Investments LP." *Id.* Further, the Applicant states that it has a Market-Based Rate Authorization from FERC. *Id.*

The Applicant states it "has no obligation to serve native load, does not own or operate any electric distribution or transmission facilities, does not own or operate any natural gas distribution or transmission facilities, and does not own or operate any generation assets." App. at 1. The Applicant represents that the "electric power will either be purchased from the bordering wholesale markets of ERCOT or CAISO, or a variety of third parties such as power marketers, independent power

producers, electric utilities, or federal power marketing entities." *Id.* at 2. Altop Energy Trading LLC asserts that its proposed exports would "be surplus to the requirements of the selling entities and the overall electrical system" and "will not impair the reliability of the grid." *Id.*

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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (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 Altop Energy Trading LLC's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-505. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Gebre-Egziabher Gebre, Principal, 440 Louisiana Street, Suite 575, Houston, TX 77002, [gebre.gebre@altopenenergy.com](mailto:gebre.gebre@altopenenergy.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 January 30, 2024, 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 February 6, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EIA invites public comment on the proposed extension of the collection of information for the Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities Survey, as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The original collection was approved by the Office of Management and Budget on January 26, 2024, under the emergency approval provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than April 9, 2024. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Glenn McGrath by email at [Glenn.McGrath@eia.gov](mailto:Glenn.McGrath@eia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glenn McGrath, EI-23, U.S. Energy Information Administration, telephone 1-202-586-4325, email [Glenn.McGrath@eia.gov](mailto:Glenn.McGrath@eia.gov). The form and instructions are available at [www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-862](http://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-862).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the