

5. *Performance Measures*: For the purposes of reporting under 34 CFR 75.110, the following six performance measures have been established for the MSAP:

(a) The number and percentage of magnet schools receiving assistance whose student enrollment eliminates, reduces, or prevents MGI.

(b) The percentage increase of students for all students, disaggregated for each racial and ethnic group, in magnet schools receiving assistance who score proficient or above on State assessments in reading/language arts as compared to the previous year.

(c) The percentage increase of students for all students across each racial and ethnic group in magnet schools receiving assistance who score proficient or above on State assessments in mathematics as compared to the previous year.

(d) The percentage of MSAP-funded magnet schools still operating magnet school programs 3 years after Federal funding ends.

(e) The percentage increase of students for all students across each racial and ethnic group in MSAP-funded magnet schools still operating magnet school programs who score proficient or above on State assessments in reading/language arts 3 years after Federal funding ends as compared to the final project year.

(f) The percentage increase of students for all students across each racial and ethnic group in MSAP-funded magnet schools still operating magnet school programs who score proficient or above on State assessments in mathematics 3 years after Federal funding ends as compared to the final project year.

6. *Continuation Awards*: In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, the Secretary considers, among other things, whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; and, if the Secretary has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, the Secretary also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

## VII. Other Information

*Accessible Format*: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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### Adam Schott,

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. PP-502]

### Application for Presidential Permit; Caribbean Transmission Development Co., LLC

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

**ACTION**: Notice of application.

**SUMMARY**: Caribbean Transmission Development Co., LLC (the Applicant or CTDC) has filed an application requesting a new Presidential permit to allow for the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities for transmission of electric energy at the international border between the United States Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico) and the Dominican Republic.

**DATES**: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before April 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES**: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene 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 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 by the Secretary of Energy pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038. On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such permits was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On September 14, 2023, CTDC filed an application (Application or App.) with the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential Permit to construct a bi-directional 320-kV, high voltage direct current (HVDC) subsea transmission line (Project Hostos) to connect the westernmost part of Puerto Rico to the easternmost part of the Dominican Republic.<sup>1</sup>

CTDC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Atabey Capital, LLC and is headquartered in Dorado, Puerto Rico. App. at 4. CTDC's proposed Project Hostos would include a subsea transmission cable system consisting of "two crosslinked polyethylene (XLPE) HVDC cable runs, each rated at a voltage on +/- 320 kV" that will be "separately laid, spanning approximately 91 miles (147 kilometers), depending on which route alternative is selected." *Id.* at 6. The prospective project landfall (transition from nearshore to onshore) is proposed at the municipality of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. *Id.* at 9. From the landfall location, the onshore cable route in Puerto Rico would consist of two segments. *Id.* at 6. The "from landfall to converter station" segment would consist of "two XLPE HVDC cable runs, each rated at a voltage of +/- 320 kV," and the "from converter station to point of interconnection" segment would consist of "two parallel three-phase XLPE HVDC cable runs,

<sup>1</sup> On September 26, November 20, and November 27, 2023, CTDC also filed revisions to its Application in response to DOE feedback on its September filing. The references to the Application in this notice reflect the latest revisions submitted by CTDC.

each rated at 230 kV[.]” *Id.* at 7. CTDC’s Project Hostos does not incorporate any overhead transmission lines in Puerto Rico. *Id.* at 6.

**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 CTDC’s Application should be clearly marked with Docket No. PP–502. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Tirso Selman, Project Director, Caribbean Transmission Development Co., LLC, [info@caribbeantransmission.com](mailto:info@caribbeantransmission.com).

Before a Presidential permit may be issued, DOE must determine that the proposed action is in the public interest. In making that determination, DOE will consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (*i.e.*, granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit), which will be analyzed, disclosed, and available for public review, pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021); determine the Applicant’s proposed 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 weigh any other factors that DOE may also consider relevant to the public interest. DOE also must obtain the favorable recommendation of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

CTDC’s Application may be reviewed or downloaded electronically at [www.energy.gov/gdo/pending-applications-0](http://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 March 8, 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 March 11, 2024.

**Treana V. Garrett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Production Incentives

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Hydroelectric Production Incentives. The guidance describes the hydroelectric production incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric production incentive payments. The hydroelectric production incentive payments are a benefit available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, DOE received \$125 million to support this hydroelectric production incentive. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2023.

**DATES:** DOE is currently accepting applications from March 14, 2024, through April 23, 2024. Applications must be submitted to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange, <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov> by no later than 5 p.m. ET, April 23, 2024, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2023 incentive payments.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to the Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange, <https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov>. The guidance accompanying this solicitation

is available at: [www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program](http://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions may be addressed to Madden Sciubba, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 798–1195 or by email at [hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov](mailto:hydroelectricincentives@hq.doe.gov). Additional information can be found in the guidance posted at [www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program](http://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-242-hydroelectric-production-incentive-program). Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In section 242 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA Act 2005; Pub. L. 109–58), as amended, Congress established a program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure for eligible facilities (section 242), codified at 42 U.S.C. 15881. Congress amended section 242 in the Energy Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–260) by expanding the eligibility window and amending the definition of a qualified hydroelectric facility. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117–58) made further amendments to section 242. For this solicitation, DOE is accepting applications for payments resulting from hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2023.

Section 242 directs the Secretary to provide incentive payments to the owners or authorized operators of hydroelectric generation facilities in accordance with specific statutory instructions. The Secretary is directed to issue incentive payments, subject to the availability of appropriations, for hydroelectric energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility during the incentive period. Incentive payments may only be made upon receipt by the Secretary of an incentive payment application that demonstrates that the applicant is eligible to receive such payment and satisfies other requirements as the Secretary deems necessary.<sup>1</sup> In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Congress provided \$125 million, to remain available until expended, for this purpose.

The Secretary may only issue payments for the electric energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility that began operations during the period of 22 fiscal years beginning after the first fiscal year occurring after the program’s enactment,

<sup>1</sup> 42 U.S.C. 15881(a).