

from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janessa Zucchetto, (240) 474-8226, 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) under Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On May 1, 2024, Altop Energy Trading LLC filed an application for authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a term of five years. App. at 1.

According to the Application, "Altop Energy Trading LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business in Houston, TX." *Id.* The Applicant states that it is "engaged in the trading and marketing of both financial and physical electricity in the wholesale power markets in North America." *Id.* Further, the Applicant states that it has market-based rate authority from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. *Id.* Altop Energy Trading LLC states it "does not own or operate any electric distribution or transmission facilities" and "does not own or operate any generation assets." *Id.* Additionally, the Applicant represents that the energy to be exported will be surplus to the needs of selling entities and that its exports "will not impair the reliability of the grid." *Id.* at 2.

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. 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 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-513. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Gebre-Egziabher Gebre, Altop Energy Trading LLC, 440 Louisiana Street, Suite 575, Houston TX 77002, 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.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 18, 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 June 20, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-470-A]

Application for Renewal of Authorization To Export Electric Energy; EDECSAMEX, S.A. de C.V.

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: EDECSAMEX, Sociedad Anónima de Capital Variable (the Applicant or EDECSAMEX) 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 July 25, 2024.

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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 July 18, 2019, DOE issued Order No. EA-470 authorizing EDECSAMEX to export electricity from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term. On April 30, 2024, EDECSAMEX filed an application

(Application or App.) with DOE for renewal of their export authority for a five-year term. App. at 1.

According to the Application, EDECSAMEX is incorporated under the laws of Mexico with its principal place of business in Mexico City, Mexico. *Id.* The Applicant is authorized by Centro Nacional de Control de Energía, Mexico's national grid operator, to transact as a wholesale power marketer in Mexico and import and export electricity with the United States. *Id.* at 2. The Applicant represents that "neither EDECSAMEX nor any of its owners hold a franchised electric power service area nor have a native load obligation" and that it plans to source excess power supply from ERCOT, CAISO, and potentially other markets bordering Mexico. *See id.* at 3. EDECSAMEX asserts its commercial plan will not affect reliability or the sufficiency of the electric supply within the U.S. *Id.* The Applicant also represents its exports "will not impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission[.]" *Id.* at 1.

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. 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 in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning EDECSAMEX's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-470-A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Vahid Sadeghpour, Sole Administrator, EDECSAMEX, S.A. de C.V., 2615 Centenary Street, Houston, TX 77005, vsadeghpour@grupoeedcsa.com, and Gregory Arroyo, Jr., Counsel for EDECSAMEX, S.A. de C.V., 124 Palm Blvd., Missouri City, TX 77459, garroyo@grupoeedcsa.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.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 17, 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 June 20, 2024.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Number DOE-HQ-2024-0019]

Notice of Request for Information (RFI) Related to the Department of Energy's Equity Action Plan Update

AGENCY: Office of Energy Justice and Equity, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) is seeking information to assist in carrying out certain responsibilities under the Executive order (E.O.), "Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government" issued on February 22, 2023. Among other requirements, section 3, subsection (b)(iii) of the E.O. directs Federal agencies to submit an Equity Action plan that includes "strategies, including new or revised policies and programs, to address the barriers described in subsection (b)(ii) of this section, and to ensure equitable access and opportunity

for underserved communities." DOE is soliciting information on one or more of the topics outlined in this RFI to address in the next update to the Equity Action Plan. The information provided in response to this RFI will inform the preparation of that update to the plan.

DATES: Comments are requested on or before August 9, 2024 and must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. eastern time (ET). DOE will not reply individually to responders but will consider all comments submitted by the deadline.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic submission: Submit electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal.

1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter DOE-HQ-2024-0019 in the search field,

2. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and

3. Enter or attach your comments.

Electronic submissions may also be sent as an attachment to EquityEO.RFI@hq.doe.gov in any of the following unlocked formats: HTML; ASCII; Word; RTF; Unicode, or PDF.

Written comments may also be submitted by mail to: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Justice and Equity, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Response to this RFI is voluntary. Submissions must not exceed 10 pages (when printed) in 12-point or larger font, with a page number provided on each page. Please include your name, organization's name (if any), and cite "DOE Equity Executive Order" in all correspondence.

Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials. All comments and submissions, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Relevant comments will generally be available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. DOE will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. Therefore, do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive, protected, or personal information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this RFI contact: