exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On October 2, 2013, DOE issued Order No. EA–324–A to EESS–4, which authorized the Applicant to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada, effective October 1, 2013, as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority expires on October 1, 2018. On February 22, 2018, EESS–4 filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA–324 for an additional five-year term.

In its application, EESS–4 states that it neither owns nor controls any electric generation or transmission facilities, and that it has no franchised electric power service area. The electric energy that EESS–4 proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by EESS–4 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.

Procedural matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five (5) copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning EESS–4’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA–324–B. An additional copy is to be provided directly to both Bonnie A. Suchman, Suchman Law LLC, 8104 Paisley Place, Potomac, MD 20854 and Michael G. Henry, Emera Energy Services, Inc., 101 Federal St., Suite 1101, Boston, MA 02110.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address above, by accessing the program website at http://energy.gov/node/11845, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

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Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Program


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 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric 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 incentive payments. This incentive is available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2018, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. 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 2017.

DATES: DOE is currently accepting applications from June 20, 2018 through July 20, 2018. Applications must be sent to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov by midnight EDT, July 20, 2018, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2017 incentive payments.

ADDRESS: Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov. DOE’s...