

performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be advised that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While one may request to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Performance Review Board Members

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is hereby giving notice of the names of the members appointed to the Commission's Performance Review Board. The function of the Board is to make recommendations to the appropriate appointing authority relating to the performance of senior executives in the agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret A. Evans, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Executive Director, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; Phone: (301) 504–7204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 4314(c)(1) through (5) of title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more performance review boards. The PRB shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the final rating authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The members of the Performance Review Board are:

1. Brien Lorenze, Executive Director
2. Jerry D. Ray, Deputy Executive Director for Safety Operations
3. Margaret A. Evans, Deputy Executive Director for Operations Support
4. Matthew Campbell, General Counsel (Alternate)

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (ID# SEIS–007–17–USN–1723491961)

AGENCY: Department of the Navy (DoN), Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Executive Order 12114, the DoN announces its decision to conduct training and testing activities within the Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing (AFTT) Study Area as described in Alternative 1 of the AFTT Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (OEIS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Alternative 1 is the DoN's preferred alternative and is representative of an annual level of training and testing activities that accounts for the natural fluctuations of training cycles, deployment schedules, use of synthetic training opportunities, and testing programs.

The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) and the AFTT Final

Supplemental EIS/OEIS is available on the project website at www.nepa.navy.mil/aftteis along with supporting documents. Single copies of the ROD are available upon request by contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Atlantic, Attention: Code EV22SG (AFTT EIS Project Managers), 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508–1278.

Dated: November 17, 2025.

A.R. DeMaio,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA–407–B]

Application for Renewal of Authorization To Export Electric Energy; Vitol Inc.

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Vitol Inc. (the Applicant or Vitol) 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 December 19, 2025.

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: Marina Fennel, (240) 702–6156, 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–GD1–2023.¹

On June 30, 2025, Vitol filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of their export authority for an additional five-year term. App. at 2.

According to the Application, Vitol is a “power marketer and dealer of other energy products” and “has received blanket authority from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to sell wholesale energy, capacity and/or ancillary services at market-based rates[.]” *Id.* at 3. Vitol is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. *Id.* at 4. The Applicant states it is a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Vitol US Holding Co, which is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Euromin Inc. *Id.* at 3. The Applicant further states that Euromin Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the privately held Dutch company Vitol Holding B.V. *Id.*

The Applicant represents that its energy exports would be “surplus to the needs of the relevant system, and the exportation of the energy would not impair the adequacy of electric power supply with the United States[.]” App. at 5. The Applicant further states that “the requested authorization would not impede or tend to impede regional coordination of electric utility planning or operation. Applicant’s export transactions will be completed using the relevant procedures and/or market structures and coordinated with all relevant parties as required pursuant to the applicable market rules.” *Id.* at 6.

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).

¹ As stated in Redelegation Order No. S3–DEL–GD1–2023, nothing in the Order precludes the Secretary or the Under Secretary (for Infrastructure) from exercising any of the authority delegated by the Order.

Comments and other filings concerning Vitol Inc.’s Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA–407–B. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Averill H. Conn, Vitol Inc., 2925 Richmond Avenue, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77098–3133, acn@vitol.com; Casey Khan, Keturah A. Brown, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 5900, Houston, TX 77002, ckhan@sidley.com, keturah.brown@sidley.com.

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after DOE reviews the action pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (June 2025), including 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 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 November 12, 2025, by Chris Wright, Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department 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 November 17, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Amended Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed North Plains Connector Project, Colstrip, MT to Center/St. Anthony, ND

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Amended notice of intent.

SUMMARY: On October 25, 2024, the Grid Deployment Office (GDO), Department of Energy (DOE) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed North Plains Connector Project, Colstrip, Montana to Center/St. Anthony, North Dakota. The previous NOI indicated that DOE did not have decision making authority related to the North Plains Connector Project (NPC). This amended NOI (ANOI) clarifies that DOE does have a decision-making role with respect to the North Plains Connector Interregional Innovation (NPCII) conditional award pursuant to DOE’s Grid Resilience and Innovations Partnership (GRIP) Grant Program.

ADDRESSES: Please direct any questions about this amended NOI to Kira Treich, NEPA Document Manager, by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** northplainsconnector@hq.doe.gov.

- **Mail:** Kira Treich, NPC NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Suite 4H–065, Washington, DC 20585.

Further information regarding the NPC EIS, including the original NOI, may be found at www.energy.gov/nepa/doeis-0568-north-plains-connector-multiple-locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kira Treich, GDO NEPA Document Manager, northplainsconnector@hq.doe.gov, (202) 586–2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: On October 25, 2024, the Grid Deployment Office (GDO), Department of Energy (DOE) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed North Plains Connector Project, Colstrip, Montana to Center/St. Anthony, North Dakota. (89 FR 85182, October 25, 2024).

Separately, as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58 (2021)), DOE is administering the \$10.5 billion GRIP Program to enhance grid flexibility and improve the resilience of the power system against growing threats of extreme weather. This funding award program will accelerate the deployment of transformative projects that will help to ensure the reliability of the power sector’s infrastructure, so all American communities have access to affordable, reliable electricity.

In August 2024, DOE announced a conditional GRIP award of up to \$700 million, subject to completion of required environmental reviews and other applicable conditions, to Montana Department of Commerce (MTDOC) for