

Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

*Applications Available:* Applications currently available.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* June 28, 2000 for applications requesting designation as an eligible Alaska Native-Serving Institution and the Alaska Native-Serving Institutions Certification Form (Appendix XIII in application booklet). July 28, 2000 for grant applications from eligible Alaska Native-Serving Institutions under the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program.

*Available Funds:* Approximately \$1.5 million.

*For Applications or Information Contact:* Darlene B. Collins, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8513. Telephone (202) 502-7777. E-mail: darlene\_collins@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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**Program Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1059d.

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A. Lee Fritschler,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. EA-187-A]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Merchant Energy Group of the Americas, Inc. (MEGA) has applied for renewal of its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 24, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosalind Carter (Program Office) 202-586-7983 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 21, 1998, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-187 authorizing MEGA to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using the international electric transmission facilities owned and operated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, Detroit Edison, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power and Light Co., Inc., Minnkota Power, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. That two-year authorization will expire on August 21, 2000.

On May 31, 2000, MEGA filed an application with FE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-187. In that application, MEGA also requested that the international transmission facilities of Long Sault,

Inc. be added to the list of authorized export points.

#### Procedural Matters:

Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with §§ 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the MEGA request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-187-A. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Mr. Joseph P. Limone, Esq., General Counsel, Merchant Energy, Group of the Americas, Inc., 151 West Street, Suite 300, Annapolis, MD 21401.

DOE notes that the circumstances described in this application are virtually identical to those for which export authority had previously been granted in FE Order No. EA-187. Consequently, DOE believes that it has adequately satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in the FE Docket EA-187 proceeding.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity," from the Regulatory Info menu, and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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Anthony J. Como,

Deputy Director, Electric Power Regulation, Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Office of Coal & Power Systems, Office of Fossil Energy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. FE C&E 00-11, C&E 00-12 and C&E 00-13 Certification Notice-187]

### Office of Fossil Energy; Notice of Filings of Coal Capability of Newington Energy, LLC, Lakefield Junction, L.P and Ouachita Power, LLC Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of filing.

**SUMMARY:** Newington Energy, LLC, Lakefield Junction, L.P and Ouachita Power, LLC submitted coal capability self-certifications pursuant to section 201 of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, as amended.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of self-certification filings are available for public inspection, upon request, in the Office of Coal & Power Im/Ex, Fossil Energy, Room 4G-039, FE-27, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell at (202) 586-9624.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title II of the Powerplant and Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978 (FUA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*), provides that no new baseload electric powerplant may be constructed or operated without the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel as a primary energy source. In order to meet the requirement of coal capability, the owner or operator of such facilities proposing to use natural gas or petroleum as its primary energy source shall certify, pursuant to FUA section 201(d), to the Secretary of Energy prior to construction, or prior to operation as a base load powerplant, that such powerplant has the capability to use coal or another alternate fuel. Such certification establishes compliance with section 201(a) as of the date filed with the Department of Energy. The Secretary is required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** that a certification has been filed. The following owners/operators of the proposed new baseload powerplants have filed a self-certification in accordance with section 201(d).

Owner: Newington Energy, LLC (C&E 00-11).

Operator: Newington Energy, LLC.

Location: Newington, NH.

Plant Configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 525 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing entities: The New England wholesale market.

In-Service date: May 2002.

Owner: Lakefield Junction, L.P. (C&E 00-12).

Operator: Lakefield Junction, L.P.

Location: Martin County, Minnesota.

Plant configuration: Simple-cycle combustion turbines.

Capacity: 534 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing entities: Great River Energy.

In-Service date: June 2001.

Owner: Ouachita Power, LLC (C&E 00-13).

Operator: Indirect subsidiary of Cogentrix Energy, Inc.

Location: Sterlington, Louisiana.

Plant configuration: Combined-cycle.

Capacity: 800 MW.

Fuel: Natural gas.

Purchasing entities: A power marketer.

In-Service date: July 1, 2002.

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**Anthony J. Como,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP00-383-000; CP00-384-000; and CP00-385-000]

### Norteno Pipeline Company and Southern Transmission company; Notice of Joint Applications

**DATES :** June 19, 2000.

Take notice that on June 9, 2000, Norteno Pipeline Company (Norteno) and Southern Transmission Company (Southern Transmission), (collectively applicants), both at 504 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas, 78701, filed applications in the above referenced dockets pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Section 3 and Sections 153.1 through 153.8 of the Commission's Regulations, respectively, seeking authorization to allow Southern Transmission to succeed to all of Norteno's import and export authorizations to operate and maintain facilities for the transportation of natural gas to Mexico, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and which is open to the public for inspection. The filing may be viewed at <http://www.ferc/fed/us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Dennis K. Morgan, Esquire, Norteno Pipeline Company, 504 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas, 78701.

Pursuant to Section 7(b) of the NGA and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, Applicants, in Docket No. CP00-383-000, seek permission and approval to abandon by sale and conveyance to Southern Transmission and Del Norte export facilities owned and operated by Norteno located in El Paso, Texas, at the International Boundary.

Pursuant to Sections 153.10 through 153.12 of the Commission's Regulations, and Executive Order No. 10485, as

amended by Executive Order 12038, Applicants, in Docket No. CP00-384-000, seek authorization permitting Southern Transmission to succeed to the Presidential Permit issued to Norteno in Docket No. CP96-83-000. Applicants state that the authorization sought does not seek any change in the terms and conditions of Norteno existing import and export authority apart from the succession of Southern Transmission as the holder of that authority.

Pursuant to Section 3 of the NGA and part 153 of the Commission's Regulations, Applicants, in Docket No. CP00-384-000, seek authorization permitting Southern Transmission to succeed to all of Norteno's existing authorizations to import and export natural gas to and from Mexico.

Upon authorization of the transactions described in these concurrent applications, Southern Transmission will (1) Own certain facilities of Norteno, (2) succeed to Norteno's certificates and import-export authorizations for the facilities related to its transportation services, and (3) utilize the facilities to render such services.

Applicants states that the sole purpose of these applications is to restructure Norteno as a natural gas company by transferring certain of its system operations to Southern Transmission. Applicants further states that the proposed applications will have no adverse impact on any of the existing services of Norteno and there will be no disruption or interruption of current services. Applicants requests that action be taken by the Commission no later than September 1, 2000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before July 10, 2000, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.214 and 385.211). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and