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Signed in Washington, DC, on January 16, 2020.

**Amy Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-275-C]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. (Applicant or NorthPoint) has applied to renew its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before February 24, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed

to: Office of Electricity, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to (202) 586-8008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy (DOE) regulates 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) and 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On December 21, 2009, DOE issued Order EA-275-B, which authorized NorthPoint to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a ten-year term using existing international transmission facilities appropriate for open access. The authorization expires on April 7, 2020. On December 20, 2019, NorthPoint filed an application (Application or App.) with DOE for renewal of the export authorization contained in Order No. EA-275-B for an additional ten-year term.

NorthPoint states in its Application that it “does not own, operate, or control any electric generation, transmission, or distribution facilities in the United States, nor is it affiliated with any owner of electric generation, transmission, or distribution facilities in the United States.” App. at 4. NorthPoint states that it “is a wholly owned subsidiary of SaskPower, a Provincial Crown corporation of the Government of Saskatchewan, Canada” and that “SaskPower is engaged in the generation of power from predominantly thermal sources and the transmission, distribution, and sale of such power to wholesale and retail customers within Saskatchewan.” *Id.* At 2. NorthPoint further states that “[a]ny power purchased by NorthPoint for export to Canada will be surplus to the needs of the entities selling power to NorthPoint.” *Id.* at 4. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant 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 Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Two (2) 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 NorthPoint's application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-275-C. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Matthew T. Rick, John & Hengerer LLP, 1629 K Street NW, Suite 402, Washington, DC 20006, and to General Council, SaskPower—Corporate & Regulatory Affairs, 2025 Victoria Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4P 0S1.

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 provided above, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Matthew Aronoff at [matthew.aronoff@hq.doe.gov](mailto:matthew.aronoff@hq.doe.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 15, 2020.

**Christopher Lawrence,**

*Management and Program Analyst, Transmission Permitting and Technical Assistance, Office of Electricity.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Amended Record of Decision for the Installation and Operation of a Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility at the Portsmouth, Ohio Site

**AGENCY:** National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Amended record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE)/National Nuclear Security

Administration (NNSA) is announcing this amendment to the July 2004 Record of Decision (ROD) for the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Construction and Operation of a Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility at the Portsmouth, Ohio, Site* (FEIS) (DOE/EIS-0360). In this amended ROD, DOE/NNSA is announcing its decision to implement its preferred alternative for the construction and operation of a depleted uranium hexafluoride (DUF<sub>6</sub>) conversion facility at the Portsmouth, Ohio, a DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM) site. This amended ROD addresses DOE/NNSA's intent to construct and operate a fourth process line within the conversion facility, as previously analyzed in the aforementioned FEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the addition of the fourth processing line, please contact Ms. Casey Deering, Director, Office of Secondary Stage Production Modernization, Office of Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, telephone (202) 586-6075; or by email to [casey.deering@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:casey.deering@nnsa.doe.gov).

For information on NNSA's NEPA process, please contact Mr. John Weckerle, NEPA Compliance Officer, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of General Counsel, Telephone (505) 845-6026; or by email to [john.weckerle@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:john.weckerle@nnsa.doe.gov). This Amended Record of Decision is available on the internet at <http://energy.gov/nepa>.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

In June 2004, DOE issued the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Construction and Operation of a Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility at the Portsmouth, Ohio, Site* (FEIS) (DOE/EIS-0360). In the 2004 FEIS, DOE analyzed the potential environmental impacts from the construction, operation, maintenance, and decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of the proposed depleted uranium hexafluoride (DUF<sub>6</sub>) conversion facility at three alternative locations within the Portsmouth site. DOE reviewed transportation of cylinders (DUF<sub>6</sub>, normal and enriched UF<sub>6</sub>, and empty) stored at the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) near Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Portsmouth; construction of a new cylinder storage yard at Portsmouth (if required) for the ETTP cylinders; transportation of depleted uranium conversion products and waste materials to a disposal

facility; transportation and sale of the aqueous hydrogen fluoride (HF) produced as a conversion co-product; and neutralization of aqueous HF to calcium fluoride (CaF<sub>2</sub>) and its sale or disposal in the event that the aqueous HF product is not sold. An option of shipping the ETTP cylinders to the Paducah, Kentucky, site was also considered, as was an option of expanding operations by increasing throughput (through efficiency improvements or by adding a fourth conversion line) or by extending the period of operation. The EIS analyzed the No Action Alternative and three alternative locations within the plant, all of which utilized the same proposed equipment and processes. Location A, the preferred Alternative, was located in the west-central portion of the site; Location B was located in the southwestern portion of the site, and Location C was located in the southeastern portion of the site. A similar EIS was issued concurrently for construction and operation of a DUF<sub>6</sub> conversion facility at DOE EM's Paducah site (DOE/EIS-0359). In the July 27, 2004, ROD (69 FR 44649), DOE chose Alternative Location A and announced its decision to install three of the four processing lines analyzed in the EIS at Portsmouth.

DOE/NNSA now announces its decision to add the fourth processing line analyzed in the 2004 EIS. The process alteration to add the fourth process line is in response to the government's need to meet high purity depleted uranium (HPDU) demand to execute DOE/NNSA mission requirements. Neither commercial nor Y-12 capabilities exist to convert DUF<sub>6</sub> to DUF<sub>4</sub> to support depleted uranium metal production. This line will use utility equipment and materials identical to those currently in operation. The process will be altered slightly to produce DUF<sub>4</sub> that will be provided to a commercial vendor for additional processing.

The United States has produced DUF<sub>6</sub> since the early 1950s as part of the process of enriching natural uranium for both civilian and military applications. The EM sites at Portsmouth and Paducah are currently charged with converting approximately 70,000 DUF<sub>6</sub> cylinders into an impure oxide (UO<sub>x</sub>) for disposition as waste or for reuse. The Portsmouth site currently has three process lines in place for this conversion with space designed into the process building to accept a fourth line. This space is the proposed location to accept the additional equipment items and provide the DUF<sub>6</sub> conversion to DUF<sub>4</sub>.

The Portsmouth DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Facility was commissioned to process the DUF<sub>6</sub> stored in cylinders into a more stable chemical form (UO<sub>x</sub>). Current DUF<sub>6</sub> cylinder inventory at Portsmouth is ~19,000 cylinders with ~18 years of processing needed to complete DUF<sub>6</sub> to UO<sub>x</sub> conversion. Portsmouth has three operable process lines to accomplish this mission; each line is capable of processing approximately one standard 48" cylinder per 24-hour workday. The Portsmouth DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Facility and its infrastructure were designed and constructed to support four process lines, however only three lines were installed. The physical configuration of the building has already been satisfactorily evaluated in the FEIS to support a fourth process line with respect to seismic design criteria and natural phenomenon hazards. There is adequate space to support an additional process line with respect to the following equipment, utilities and support systems: Electrical power, sanitary water, process water, cooling water, hydrogen, nitrogen, potassium hydroxide, hydrofluoric acid handling, cylinder movement, material handling, instrument air, fire suppression, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), decontamination, emission controls, waste handling, and environmental monitoring. This utility equipment is identical to equipment currently in operation at the facility. The Portsmouth DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Facility meets the DOE criteria for a Hazard Category 3 Nuclear Facility.

Currently the facility reacts the DUF<sub>6</sub> with H<sub>2</sub> (hydrogen) and H<sub>2</sub>O (steam) to produce the UO<sub>x</sub>. This reaction generates hydrogen fluoride (HF) as a production/conversion co-product in molar proportion to the reaction. Potassium Hydroxide (KOH) is used in an off gas scrubber to neutralize the HF vapor which is not collected for resale. As decided in the ROD, the aqueous HF produced during conversion will be sold for use, as appropriate. If necessary, CaF<sub>2</sub> (Calcium Fluoride) will be produced and dispositioned.

##### **Amended Decision**

DOE/NNSA is amending DOE's previous decision (69 FR 44649). DOE/NNSA will install the fourth conversion line and will slightly alter the process when reacting the DUF<sub>6</sub>. Typically, as stated above, the DUF<sub>6</sub> is reacted with H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O (steam) to produce the UO<sub>x</sub>. The altered process will still react DUF<sub>6</sub> with H<sub>2</sub> but will omit the H<sub>2</sub>O (steam) from the initial part of the conversion process. The N<sub>2</sub> will still be used as an inert motive force gas and the off gas will still be scrubbed with KOH. At the

end of the process, H<sub>2</sub>O (steam) will then be used, but only to dilute the generated HF to the desired concentration (molarity). The HF will still be stored in tanks to be sold for use, or converted to CaF<sub>2</sub>, as described above. The resulting product, DUF<sub>4</sub>, will be provided to a commercial vendor for additional processing. This operation avoids having to provide for subsequent disposition of the UO<sub>x</sub> and provides a strategic commodity that can be used in NNSA programs.

### Basis for Decision

Implementing this decision supports DOE's continuing need to convert its inventory of DUF<sub>6</sub> to a more stable chemical form for use or disposal, as defined in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement for Construction and Operation of a Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility at the Portsmouth, Ohio, Site (FEIS) (DOE/EIS-0360)*. In this instance, the use will be the production of DUF<sub>4</sub> that can be provided to a commercial vendor for later conversion into metallic depleted uranium for government use. The current proposal does not represent a substantive change to operations, activities, and associated impacts assessed in DOE/EIS-0360. Any applicable updates related to the International Building Code and life safety codes will be incorporated into the NNSA Conversion Project new equipment design. The proposed conversion to DUF<sub>4</sub> would reduce the UO<sub>x</sub> quantity that would need to be dispositioned at a commercial facility (sold, re-used, or disposed of as waste), as a quantity of DUF<sub>6</sub> would be converted to DUF<sub>4</sub> and HF instead of oxide. Processes and equipment used for this purpose would be similar or identical to those associated with current conversion activities. The total amount of DU planned for transport would remain unchanged from quantities evaluated in the 2004 EIS; however, the form of a small percentage of the transported material would change. Radiological impacts from handling/transportation between the two material forms are comparable. In the event of a container or equipment breach, a release of DUF<sub>4</sub> would result in reduced hazards in comparison to that of depleted uranium oxide because DUF<sub>4</sub> would be slightly less prone to becoming airborne.

In addition, the planned transportation destinations for oxide involve greater distances than the proposed destination options for DUF<sub>4</sub>. Finally, less HF will be generated during the conversion to DUF<sub>4</sub> as

compared to the conversion to oxide material.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of December 2019, for the United States Department of Energy.

**Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty,**

*Under Secretary for Nuclear Security,  
National Nuclear Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC20-32-000.

*Applicants:* Commonwealth Edison Company.

*Description:* Application for Authorization Under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, et al. of Commonwealth Edison Company.

*Filed Date:* 1/14/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200114-5227.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/4/20.

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG20-65-000.

*Applicants:* La Chalupa, LLC.

*Description:* Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status of La Chalupa, LLC.

*Filed Date:* 1/16/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200116-5048.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/6/20.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-1801-004;

ER10-1805-005; ER10-2370-003.

*Applicants:* The Connecticut Light and Power Company, NSTAR Electric Company, Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

*Description:* Updated Market Power Analysis for Northeast Region of the Eversource Companies.

*Filed Date:* 12/23/19.

*Accession Number:* 20191223-5280.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/21/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-2502-007;

ER10-2472-006; ER10-2473-006;

ER11-2724-007; ER11-4436-005;

ER18-2518-002; ER19-645-001.

*Applicants:* Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, Black Hills Colorado IPP, LLC, Black Hills Colorado Wind, LLC, Black Hills Electric Generation, LLC, Black Hills Power, Inc., Black Hills Wyoming, LLC, Cheyenne Light Fuel & Power Company.

*Description:* Amendment to June 27, 2019 Updated Market Power Analysis of the Black Hills MBR Sellers for the Northwest Region.

*Filed Date:* 1/14/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200114-5224.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/4/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-419-002.

*Applicants:* ITC Midwest LLC.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Amendment to CIAC Agreement Filing to be effective 1/19/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/15/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200115-5117.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/5/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-553-001.

*Applicants:* Sierra Pacific Power Company.

*Description:* Tariff Amendment: Service Agreement No. 16-00054; Battle Mountain LGIA Amendment to be effective 12/11/2019.

*Filed Date:* 1/16/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200116-5057.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/6/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-806-000.

*Applicants:* Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., Otter Tail Power Company.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 2020-01-15\_SA 3404 OTP-NSP FSA (J436 J437) Hankinson-Ellendale to be effective 3/16/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/15/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200115-5111.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/5/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-807-000.

*Applicants:* Ruff Solar LLC.

*Description:* Baseline eTariff Filing: Ruff Solar, LLC MBR Application to be effective 4/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/15/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200115-5122.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/5/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-808-000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Original ISA, SA No. 5548; Queue No. AC1-076 AE2-134 to be effective 12/16/2019.

*Filed Date:* 1/15/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200115-5124.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/5/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-809-000.

*Applicants:* Nevada Gold Energy LLC.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Notice of Succession to be effective 1/1/2020.

*Filed Date:* 1/16/20.

*Accession Number:* 20200116-5000.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/6/20.

*Docket Numbers:* ER20-810-000.

*Applicants:* Southwestern Public Service Company.

*Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Golden Spread Electric Cooperative,