

wildlife resources, including protected species; cultural resources; and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement and interagency coordination.

f. *Scoping*: An initial scoping letter was sent to stakeholders in the southwest Florida region in April, 2006, as notification of the initiation of a Feasibility Study to address the water resource problems in southwest Florida. An additional scoping letter will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

g. *DEIS Preparation*: The integrated Feasibility Report, including a DEIS, is currently estimated for publication in late 2009.

Dated: February 18, 2009.

Eric P. Summa,

Chief, Environmental Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will enable DOE to have current knowledge of Federal employees and contractors conducting foreign travel to a non U.S. territory on the behalf of DOE. Information gathered will include dates of travel, destination, purpose, and after-hour contact information in case of emergency.

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102,

735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Julie Squires by fax at (202) 586-0406 or by e-mail at julie.squires@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Julie Squires at julie.squires@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. {"New"}; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Records, and secures approval of all foreign travel conducted by DOE federal employees and contractors. The system allows DOE to have full accountability of all travel and in cases of emergency DOE is able to quickly retrieve information as to who is traveling, where the individual is traveling, and the dates of travel. Information gathered is listed under three categories: (1) Traveler Information which requests traveler's name, passport information, site, position, and contact information, (2) General Trip Information which consists of estimated travel costs, and (3) Trip Itinerary Information which consists of destination, dates of travel, and purpose, (5) Type of Respondents: DOE Federal employees and contractors traveling on behalf of DOE (6) Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 8,313; (7) Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours: 4228; (8) Estimated Annual Cost Burden: None.

Authority: DOE Order 551.1C (Jun. 24, 2008), regarding "Official Foreign Travel."

Issued in Washington, DC on February 20, 2009.

Julie Squires,

Acting Director, Office of Management, Office of International Travel and Exchange Visitor Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-350]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Saracen Power LLC

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Saracen Power LLC (Saracen Power) has applied for 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 March 30, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On February 15, 2009, DOE received an application from Saracen Power for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. Saracen Power is a Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, TX. Saracen has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. Saracen Power does not own any electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area. The electric energy which Saracen Power proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

Saracen Power proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities presently owned by Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, Sea Breeze Olympic Converter, Vermont Electric Power Company, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Saracen Power was previously authorized by a Presidential

permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings 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 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each comment, petition, and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the dates listed above.

All filings in this proceeding should be clearly marked with Docket No. EA-350. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Allison P. Duensing, Assistant General Counsel, The Saracen Group of Companies, Five Greenway Plaza, Suite 1310, Houston, TX 77040 and Daniel E. Frank, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004-2415.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program Web site at <http://oe.energy.gov/permits.htm>, or by e-mailing Odessa Hopkins at odessa.hopkins@hq.doe.gov.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 23, 2009.

Anthony J. Como,

Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13313-000]

BPUS Generation Development LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

February 20, 2009.

On October 31, 2008, BPUS Generation Development LLC (BPUS

Generation) filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Lake Roosevelt Pumped Storage Project. The project would be located on federal lands in Ferry, Grant and Okanogan Counties in Washington State, approximately 40 miles northwest of the Town of Nespelem, Washington, and 38 miles southwest of the Town of Northport, Washington, and would utilize the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Roosevelt Dam.

The proposed project would use the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Roosevelt Dam as its lower reservoir and would consist of: (1) An upper reservoir with a surface area of approximately 123 acres at a normal water surface elevation ranging from 2,780 to 2,880 feet m.s.l.; (2) a proposed powerhouse containing 4 generating units having a total installed capacity of 1,310 megawatts, (3) a proposed intake structure, (4) a proposed 50-mile-long, 500 kV transmission line, and (5) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an annual generation of approximately 3,750 gigawatt-hours that would be sold to a local utility.

Applicant Contact: BPUS Generation—Mr. Jeffrey M. Auser, P.E., BPUS Generation Development LLC, 225 Greenfield Parkway, Suite 201, Liverpool, NY 13088; phone: 315-413-2821. **FERC Contact:** Tom Papsidero, 202-502-6002.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications, or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13313-000) in the docket number field to access the document.

For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12751-006]

Finavera Renewables Ocean Energy, Ltd.; Notice of Application for Surrender of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

February 20, 2009.

Take notice that the following application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. *Application Type:* Surrender of License.
- b. *Project No.:* 12751-006.
- c. *Date Filed:* February 6, 2009.
- d. *Applicant:* Finavera Renewables Ocean Energy, Ltd.
- e. *Name of Project:* Makah Bay Offshore Wave Energy Pilot Project.
- f. *Location:* The project is located in the Pacific Ocean in Makah Bay, about 1.9 nautical miles offshore of Waatch Point in Clallam County, Washington.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a-825r.
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Thomas C. Jensen, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, 1301 K Street, NW., Suite 600 East, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 408-6400, e-mail tjensen@sonnenschein.com.
- i. *FERC Contact:* Patricia W. Gillis, Telephone (202) 502-8735.
- j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* 45 days from the issuance date of this notice. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.
- k. *Description of Request:* The licensee filed an application to surrender its license for the unconstructed Makah Bay Offshore Wave Energy Pilot Project. The Licensee has not commenced construction of the project. No ground disturbing activities have occurred. Additionally, no work or construction on the conversion buoys or the shore station, roads, or transmission facilities has commenced.

l. *Locations of the Application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the