

format the standard forms included in the application package.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment proposed regulations. Section 437(d)(2) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), however, exempts from this rulemaking requirement those rules where the Secretary determines it would cause extreme hardship to the beneficiaries of the program that would be affected by those rules. The Secretary, in accordance with section 437(d)(2) of GEPA, has decided to issue these rules without first publishing them for public comment in order to ensure timely and high quality grant awards. These rules will apply only to grant applications submitted in FY 2003.

Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In FY 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Demonstration Grants for Student Drug Testing Program is one the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under this competition, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) portion of the Grants Administration and Payment System (GAPS). Users of e-Application will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. You may not e-mail a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We request your participation in e-Application. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value because you submit a grant application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit an application in paper format. When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operation.
- You may submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Education

Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.

- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award Number (an identifying number unique to your application).
- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:
 - (1) Print ED 424 from the e-Application system.
 - (2) The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
 - (3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.
 - (4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at 202/260-1349.

• We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.

• *Closing Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability:* If you elect to participate in the e-Application pilot for the Demonstration Grants for Student Drug Testing Program and you are prevented from submitting your application on the closing date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. For us to grant this extension—

- (1) You must be a registered user of e-Application, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and
- (2)(a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (ET), on the deadline date; or (b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET)) on the deadline date. The Department must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension you must contact either (1) The person listed elsewhere in this notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 888/336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Demonstration Grants for Student Drug Testing Program: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>. We have included additional information about the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines Between Paper

and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-282]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Xcel Energy Inc., d/b/a Northern States Power Company

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Excel Energy Inc., doing business as Northern States Power Company (NSP), has applied to export 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 August 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (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: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and

require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 23, 2003 Excel Energy Inc., doing business as NSP, applied to the Office of Fossil Energy, of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada. NSP is a Minnesota corporation with its principal place of business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. NSP is an investor-owned utility and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc., and is engaged in the generation, distribution and sale of electric energy. NSP controls electric power generations and transmission facilities in the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. As a Regulated Utility, NSP produces and distributes electric power and conducts wholesale purchases and sales of capacity and energy.

In FE Docket No. EA-282, NSP proposes to export electric energy that is in excess of the amounts required to meet its native load obligations or that is purchased from generators, power marketers or federal power marketing agencies. NSP will arrange for the delivery of those exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, 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 and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. NSP will purchase the power to be exported from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies as defined in the FPA.

The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by NSP has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

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 NSP application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-282. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Xcel Energy, Inc. for Northern States Power Company, 1099 18th Street, Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80202, ATTN: Director, Contract Administration.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impact has been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the 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 or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Proceedings" from the options menus.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket Nos. EA-283]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Xcel Energy Inc., d/b/a Public Service Company of Colorado

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Xcel Energy Inc., doing business as Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCO), has applied to export 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 August 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import/Export (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: Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On June 23, 2003, Xcel Energy Inc., doing business as PSCO, applied to the Office of Fossil Energy, of the Department of Energy (DOE) for authority to export electric energy from the United States to Canada. PSCO is a Colorado corporation with its principal place of business in Denver, Colorado. PSCO is an investor-owned utility and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc., and is engaged in the generation, distribution and sale of electric energy. PSCO controls electric power generation and transmission facilities in the States of Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming. As a regulated utility, PSCO produces and distributes electric power and conducts wholesale purchases and sales of capacity and energy.

In FE Docket No. EA-283, PSCO proposes to export electric energy that is in excess of the amounts required to meet its native load obligations or that is purchased from generators, power marketers or federal power marketing agencies. PSCO will arrange for the delivery of those exports to Canada over the international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Citizens Utilities, 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 and Vermont Electric Transmission Company. PSCO will purchase the power to be exported from electric utilities and federal power marketing agencies as defined in the FPA.

The construction of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by PSCO has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application