
United States
Department of Energy

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Saracen Merchant Energy, LP

OE Docket No. EA-303-A



Rescission of Presidential Permit

Order No. EA-303-A

June 29, 2009

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I. BACKGROUND

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 Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e))¹.

On August 19, 2005, DOE issued Order No. EA-303 to Saracen Merchant Energy LP (Saracen). That Order authorized Saracen to export electric energy to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term. That order will expire on August 19, 2010.

On June 11, 2009, DOE was informed by Saracen that it is no longer engaged in the export of electricity and, therefore, no longer requires authorization to export electricity to Canada. Therefore, DOE was asked to rescind Order No. EA-303.

II. COMPLIANCE

Upon issuance of this Rescission Order, Saracen shall no longer have authority to export electricity to Canada. However, this Rescission Order is being issued without prejudice and does not preclude Saracen, upon proper application, from requesting authority to export electric energy again in the future. It should be noted that DOE requires at least sixty days to adequately process an application to export electric energy.

Obtaining a valid Order from DOE authorizing the export of electricity under section 202(e) of the FPA is a necessary condition before engaging in an export. Therefore, Saracen must obtain a new authorization from DOE before engaging in the further export of electricity. Failure to obtain such an order before exporting may subject Saracen to sanctions and penalties under the FPA. Saracen should implement appropriate internal procedures to monitor the status of its electricity trading activities to ensure that it does not cause electricity to be exported in the absence of a valid order.

¹ The authority to administer the International Electricity Regulatory Program through the regulation of electricity exports and the issuance of Presidential permits has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability in Redlegation Order No. 00-002.10C issued on May 29, 2008.

III. ORDER

Pursuant to section 202(e) of the FPA and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder (Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, sections 205.300-309), the electricity export authorization issued to Saracen on August 19, 2005, in Order No. EA-303, is hereby rescinded.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 29, 2009.

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