Department of Energy



Washington, DC 20585

February 3, 2011

Donald Stauber Assistant General Counsel Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc 4 Irving Place Room 1815s New York, New York 10003

RE: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc; Export Authorization No. EA-157-A

Dear Mr. Stauber:

This letter transmits the Order rescinding electricity Export Authorization No. EA-157, authorizing Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc to export electric energy to Canada.

Should you have any questions regarding this Order, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 586-5260, or by e-mail at christopher.lawrence@hq.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Lawrence Electricity Industry Specialist Permitting, Siting and Analysis Division Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Attachment



United States Department of Energy

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

OE Docket No. EA-157-A



Rescission of Export Authorization

Order No. EA-157-A

January 26, 2011

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

Order No. EA-157-A

I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

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.

DOE issued Order No. EA-157 to Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) on January 23, 1998. That Order authorized SPS to export electric energy as a regulated utility to Canada, without an expiration date.

On January 6, 2011, DOE received a notice from Con Edison that it wishes to terminate its existing authorization to export electricity to Canada as of December 31, 2010. Con Edison asserts that it has not exported electric energy for quite some time and that it has no plans to use the authorization in the foreseeable future.

II. COMPLIANCE

Upon issuance of this Rescission Order, SPS shall no longer have authority to export electricity to Canada. However, this Rescission Order is being issued without prejudice and does not preclude Con Edison, 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, Con Edison 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 Con Edison to sanctions and penalties under the FPA. Con Edison 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 Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10C issued on May 29, 2008.

III. ORDER

Based on the above and 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 Con Edison on April 4, 1997, in Order No. EA-157, is hereby rescinded, effective as of December 31, 2010.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on January 26, 2011.

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