
United States
Department of Energy

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC

OE Docket No. EA-284-C



Electricity Export Authorization Amendment

Order No. EA-284-C

December 7, 2011

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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 September 4, 2003, DOE issued Order No. EA-284 to Sempra Energy Solutions LLC (SES) authorizing electricity exports to Mexico for a three-year period. The SES authority to export to Mexico was renewed on March 12, 2007, in Order No. EA-284-A, and again on January 29, 2010, in Order No. EA-284-B for a five-year term. That order will expire on January 29, 2015.

On April 25, 2011, Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC notified DOE that effective November 1, 2010, SES had changed its name to Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC (Noble Solutions) and requested that Order No. EA-284-B be amended to authorize Noble Solutions to export under its new name.

II. FINDING AND DECISION

DOE finds that the action requested by Noble Solutions would have no effect on DOE's electric reliability determinations contained in Docket Nos. EA-284, EA-284-A, and EA-284-B.

Similarly, DOE finds that it has adequately satisfied its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 through the documentation of a categorical exclusion in Docket No. EA-284.


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 findings, the electricity export authorization issued to Sempra Energy Solutions LLC on January 29, 2010, in Order No. EA-284-B, is hereby amended by changing the name of the authorized exporter to Noble Americas Energy Solutions LLC, effective as of November 1, 2010

All other terms and conditions of Order No. EA-284-B remain unchanged.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 7, 2011.

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