

outside of the Scenic Area as is the case with the Wind Project—warrants thoughtful and careful consideration of its potential to impact scenic resources. BPA believes that such consideration has been amply demonstrated in this case, and that definite and effective action has been taken by the State of Washington to reasonably help protect views as a result of this consideration. Furthermore, BPA agrees with the Governor that the state-approved Wind Project strikes an effective balance between minimizing visual impacts while still carrying out the public interest of the State of Washington in approving sites for alternative energy facilities.

The total cost of the BPA interconnection facilities is estimated at \$12.6 million. All costs associated with these facilities will be advance funded by WRE and administration of contracts with WRE will follow normal, established procedures. In accordance with BPA's open access transmission tariff, WRE will be eligible to receive transmission credits for any portion of the interconnection facilities that constitute network upgrades. BPA believes that this approach provides for both cost and administrative efficiencies.

Finally, in deciding to grant the requested interconnection, BPA believes it is being appropriately respectful of state authorities concerning the siting of non-federal generation projects. As has been mentioned previously in this Record of Decision, BPA does not have siting authority or regulatory jurisdiction over these facilities. That is the purview of appropriate state and local entities, in this case Washington EFSEC and, ultimately, the Washington Governor. BPA notes that the siting process conducted by the State of Washington for the Wind Project was both lengthy and extremely thorough, and addressed many of the same environmental issues also considered in the Final EIS for the Project. BPA also notes that the State of Washington decided to approve construction and operation of the Wind Project on the basis of the siting process and Final EIS. Finally, BPA notes that this approval was upheld by the Washington Supreme Court in a legal challenge of the siting process brought against the State of Washington. In light of this, granting the requested interconnection provides the appropriate comity to the State of Washington's legally executed overall authorities concerning the siting of the Wind Project.

**Mitigation**

All the mitigation measures described in the Draft EIS and updated in the Final EIS have been adopted. A complete list of these measures can be found in the Mitigation Action Plan. WRE will be responsible for executing mitigation measures identified for the Wind Project, while BPA will be responsible for executing the mitigation measures associated with the BPA interconnection facilities.

In addition to identifying mitigation measures in the EIS, the State of Washington has included numerous conditions in the Final SCA for the Wind Project that are intended to ensure that the Wind Project is built and operated in a way that preserves and protects the quality of the environment. As environmental mitigation, Washington EFSEC has found that these conditions will ensure that the Project will produce minimal adverse environmental effects. WRE will be required to comply with these Final SCA conditions. As discussed above, the Final SCA is available at <http://www.efsec.wa.gov/whistling%20ridge.shtml>.

Issued in Portland, Oregon.

Dated: June 24, 2015.

**Elliot E. Mainzer,**

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[OE Docket No. EA-413]

**Application to Export Electric Energy; Elan Energy Services, LLC**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Elan Energy Services, LLC (Applicant) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before August 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments; protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by

electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov), or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

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

On June 5, 2015, DOE received an application from the Applicant for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. The Applicant will register as a Power Marketer with the Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUCT.) The Applicant will also register as a Purchasing Selling Entity with the Texas Reliability Entity (TRE) and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

In its application, the Applicant states that it does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that the Applicant proposes to export to Mexico would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning the Applicant's application to export electric energy to Mexico should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-413. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Andrew B.

Young, Mayer Brown LLP, 1999 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20006.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or 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, by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Angela Troy at [Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 7, 2015.

**Christopher Lawrence,**  
*Electricity Policy Analyst, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2464-000]

#### Gresham Municipal Utilities; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

On June 10, 2013 Gresham Municipal Utilities, licensee for the Weed Dam Hydroelectric Project, filed an Application for a New License pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Weed Dam Hydroelectric Project is located on Red River, in Shawano County, Wisconsin.

The license for Project No. 2464 was issued for a period ending June 30, 2015. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license

after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2464 is issued to the licensee for a period effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before June 30, 2016, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the licensee, Gresham Municipal Utilities, is authorized to continue operation of the Weed Dam Hydroelectric Project, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Dated: July 8, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-524-000]

#### Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on June 29, 2015, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT), 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP15-524-000, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205, 157.208(b)(c), and 157.211(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA). FGT seeks authorization to construct, own and operate a new bi-directional measurement and regulation station and an interconnection with Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC, located in Martin County, Florida. FGT proposes to perform these activities under its blanket certificate issued in

Docket No. CP82-553-000 [21 FERC ¶ 62,235 (1982)], all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Stephen Veatch, Senior Director of Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC, 1300 Main St., Houston, Texas, 77002, or by calling (713) 989-2024 (telephone) or (713) 989-1205 (fax) [stephen.veatch@energytransfer.com](mailto:stephen.veatch@energytransfer.com).

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding, or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this