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## Via Electronic Filing (electricity.exports@hq.doe.gov)

U.S. Department of Energy Grid Deployment Office 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585

Re: Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC

Application for Renewal of Authorization to Transmit Electricity to Mexico

Docket No. EA-458-A

Pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824(e), and 10 C.F.R. § 205.000, et seq., enclosed for filing with the DOE Grid Deployment Office in the above-captioned docket is the Application of Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC ("SGPM") for Renewal of Authorization to Transmit Electricity to Mexico ("Application"). As detailed further in the Application, SGPM respectfully requests that DOE renew its existing authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico for a term of ten years, with an effective date of November 3, 2023.

SGPM has electronically paid the \$500 filing fee associated with the Application through the DOE General Collections Form on pay.gov.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding the enclosed Application.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brett A. Snyder

Brett A. Snyder

Counsel for Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRID DEPLOYMENT OFFICE

SEMPRA GAS & POWER MARKETING, LLC )

Docket No. EA-458-A

# APPLICATION OF SEMPRA GAS & POWER MARKETING, LLC FOR RENEWAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSMIT ELECTRICITY TO MEXICO

Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC ("Applicant") hereby requests that the United States Department of Energy ("DOE") Grid Deployment Office renew its authorization pursuant to Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act ("FPA") and 10 C.F.R. § 205.300 to transmit electric energy from the United States into Mexico for a term of ten (10) years, beginning November 3, 2023 (i.e., the date after Applicant's current authorization expires).

Applicant respectfully requests that DOE act on this Application by December 29, 2023.

### I. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT AND BACKGROUND FOR REQUEST

Applicant is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Sempra f/k/a Sempra Energy, a public utility holding company based in San Diego, California. Sempra provides, through various subsidiaries and affiliates, a wide spectrum of electric, natural gas, and energy-related products and services to a diverse range of customers. Applicant has received blanket authority from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to sell wholesale energy, capacity and/or ancillary services at market-based rates ("Market-Based Rate Tariff').\(^1\) Applicant is a gas and power marketer. Applicant is not a franchised public utility with a transmission or distribution system, and does not have captive customers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC, FERC Docket No. ER16-1833-000 (unpublished letter order dated Jul. 20, 2016).

Applicant currently holds an authorization pursuant to FPA § 202(3) and 10 C.F.R. § 205.300 *et seq.*, to export electricity to Mexico in Order No. EA-458.

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO 10 C.F.R. § 205.302

a. Exact legal name of Applicant

Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC

b. Exact legal name of all partners

Not applicable. The upstream corporate ownership of Applicant is described in Part I, above.

c. Name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the person to whom correspondence in regard to the application shall beaddressed:

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d. State of territory under the laws of which the Applicant is organized or incorporated, or authorized to operate. If the Applicant is authorized to operate in more than one state, all pertinent facts shall be included:

Applicant is a Delaware limited liability company, organized on January 19, 2016, and is currently authorized to operate in Delaware, California and Texas.

e. Name and address of any known Federal, State, or local government agency which may have any jurisdiction over the action to be taken in the application and a brief description of that authority:

Pursuant to FPA section 202(e), DOE is the sole agency with jurisdiction over the proposed export of electric energy to Mexico. No other known Federal, State or local government entity or agency has jurisdiction over the proposed exports described in this application.

f. Description of the transmission facilities through which the electric energy will be delivered to the foreign country, including the name of the owners and the location of any remote facilities:

Applicant seeks authorization to export electric energy to Mexico over the planned or existing authorized international electric transmission facilities listed in Exhibit C to this application. Applicant's request for authorization under this application qualifies for a categorical exclusion under the Department's regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, inasmuch as Applicant's request for export authority is limited to the use of transmission facilities for which a Presidential Permit has been issued.

g. Technical discussion of the proposed electricity export's reliability, fuel use and system stability impact on the Applicant's present and prospective electric power supply system. Applicant must explain why the proposed electricity export will not impair the sufficiency of the electric supply on its system and why the export will not impede or tend to impede the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operation:

Applicant seeks authority to transmit electric power to Mexico as a power marketer for a period of ten (10) years, or for such other period as the Department deems appropriate, effective as November 3, 2023, the day after its current authorization in Order No. EA-458 expires. In previous orders, the Department has endorsed a flexible approach for evaluating reliability issues associated with proposed export transactions. When considering applications from power marketers for export authorizations involving planned or existing international transmission

facilities, the Department has relied on the technical analyses available for those facilities.<sup>2</sup> Applicant submits that it is appropriate for the Department to apply the same standard with respect to this request.

As noted above, Applicant does not have its own system on which its exports of energy could have an impact with respect to electric supply. As such, Applicant's proposed exports would not impair the sufficiency of the electric supply on "its system," as Applicant does not own or operate an integrated transmission or distribution system. The electric energy that Applicant would export on a firm or interruptible basis would be surplus energy purchased in wholesale markets in bilateral, voluntary transactions. Moreover, any such energy would be surplus to the needs of the relevant system, and exportation of the energy would not impair the adequacy of electric power supply within the United States by adversely impacting native load customers or other market participants.

Nor would the requested authorization impede or tend to impede regional coordination of electric utility planning or operation. Applicant's export transactions will be completed using the relevant procedures and/or market structures, as coordinated with all parties as required pursuant to the applicable market rules. Applicant further agrees to abide by the export limits contained in the relevant authorization of any transmission facility over which it exports energy to Mexico. Therefore, Applicant's export transactions will not compromise transmission system security or reliability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, e.g, Global Pure Energy, LLC, OE Docket No. EA-390 at p. 7 (Mar. 4, 2014).

h. The original application shall be signed and verified under oath by an officer of the applicant having knowledge of the matters set forth therein:

The verification is included in Attachment 1 to the application.

### III. EXHIBITS REQUIRED BY 10 C.F.R. § 205.303

In compliance with 10 C.F.R. § 205.303, the following Exhibits are attached to this application:

a. Exhibit A. A copy of the agreement or proposed agreement under which the electricity is to be transmitted including a listing of the terms and conditions. If this agreement contains proprietary information that should not be released to the general public, the applicant must identify such data and include a statement explaining why proprietary treatment is appropriate.

Not applicable.

b. Exhibit B. A showing, including a signed opinion of counsel that the proposed export of electricity is within the corporate power of the applicant, and that the applicant has complied or will comply with all pertinent Federal and State Laws.

Please see opinion of counsel attached hereto as Exhibit B.

c. Exhibit C. A general map showing the applicant's overall electric system and a detailed map highlighting the location of the facilities or the proposed facilities to be used for the generation and transmission of the electric energy to be exported. The detailed map shall identify the location of the proposed border crossing point(s) or power transfer point(s) by Presidential Permit number whenever possible.

The owner, location, voltage, and the Presidential Permits under which the relevant border transmission facilities are constructed and maintained is set forth in Exhibit C.

d. Exhibit D. If an applicant resides or has its principal office outside the United States, such an applicant shall designate, by irrevocable power of attorney, an agent residing within the United States. A verified copy of such power of attorney shall be furnished with the application.

Not applicable.

e. Exhibit E. A statement of any corporate relationship or existing contract between the applicant and any other person, corporation, or foreign government, which in any way relates to the control or fixing of rates for the purchase, sale or transmission of electric energy.

Not applicable. Applicant's sales are made at negotiated rates pursuant to its FERC Market-Based Rate Tariff.

f. Exhibit F. An explanation of the methodology (Operating Procedures) to inform neighboring electric utilities in the United States of the available capacity and energy which may be in excess of the applicant's requirements before the delivering of such capacity to the foreign purchaser. Approved firm export, diversity exchange and emergency exports are exempted from this requirement. Those materials required by this section which have been filed previously with the ERA may be incorporated by reference.

Not applicable. Applicant is a power marketer and is not a franchised public utility with captive customers. Applicant will complete any export of electric energy from the United States to Mexico using all applicable procedures and/or market structures and coordinated with relevant parties as required pursuant to the reliability standards and market rules as implemented by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and affected transmission operators.

To the extent necessary, Applicant requests waiver of the requirement to provide Exhibits A, D, E, and F.

Pursuant to the requirement of 10 C.F.R. § 205.309, a copy of this Application is being provided to:

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Public Utilities Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326 Arizona Corporation Commission, Utilities Division 1200 W. Washington St.

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#### IV. REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Applicant hereby requests, to the extent necessary, waiver of the requirement in ordering paragraph (K) of Order No. EA-458, and any other waivers necessary, to file this renewal application within 60 days of the expiration of Order No. EA-458.

#### V. CONCLUSION

In consideration of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests approval of this application for authorization to export electrical energy to Mexico. Applicant respectfully requests that DOE act on this Application by December 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jerrod L. Harrison

Jerrod L. Harrison Assistant General Counsel Sempra Infrastructure

On behalf of Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC

November 1, 2023

# EXHIBIT B

### **LEGAL OPINION**

The following opinion is given in support of the foregoing application of Sempra Gas & Power Marking, LLC for Authorization to Transmit Electric Energy to Mexico.

- 1. Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC is a duly incorporated and validly existing limited liability company, which is in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- 2. Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC has the corporate capacity to act in the manner described in the application.
- 3. To the best of my knowledge and belief, Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC has complied with or is in the process of complying with all Federal and State laws regarding the matters contemplated in the application.

/s/ Jerrod L. Harrison

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Dated: November 1, 2023

# **EXHIBIT C**

# TRANSMISSION SYSTEM INFORMATION

Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC requests authorization to export electric energy to Mexico over the following international transmission facilities, as identified by Presidential Permit number:

Present Owner	<b>Location</b>	Voltage	Presidential Permit No.
Comision Federal de Electricidad	Falcon Dam, TX	138kV	N/A
	Redford, TX	7.2kV	PP-51
	Presidio, TX	13.8 kV	PP-03
Baja California Power, Inc.	Imperial Valley, CA	230kV	PP-234
Generadora del Desierto- WAPA	San Luis, AZ	230kV	PP-304
AEP Texas Central Company	Brownsville, TX	138kV	PP-425
	Brownsville,	69kV	PP-425
	TX Laredo, TX	138kV	PP-423
	Laredo, TX	230kV	PP-423
	Eagle Pass, TX	138kV	PP-424
El Paso Electric Company	Diablo, NM	115kV	PP-92
	Ascarate, TX	115kV	PP-48
San Diego Gas & Electric	Miguel, CA	230kV	PP-68
	Imperial Valley, CA	230kV	PP-79
Sharyland Utilities	McAllen, TX	138kV	PP-285

### **VERIFICATION**

Faisel H. Khan, first being sworn, states that he is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC and has authority to verify the foregoing application on behalf of Sempra Gas & Power Marketing, LLC; he has read said application; and that all the statements of fact therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Faisel H. Khan

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO )



Notary Public in and for said State

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