
United States
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Grid Deployment Office

Portland General Electric Company
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I. BACKGROUND

The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) regulates electricity exports from the United States to a foreign country in accordance with Federal Power Act (FPA) § 202(e) (16 U.S.C. § 824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 C.F.R. §§ 205.300 *et seq.*). This authority was transferred to DOE under §§ 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7151(b) and 7172(f)). On April 10, 2023, this authority was delegated to the DOE’s Grid Deployment Office (GDO) by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023, and Redellegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

An entity that seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing it to do so. Under FPA § 202(e), DOE “shall issue such order upon application unless, after opportunity for hearing, it finds that the proposed transmission would impair the sufficiency of electric supply within the United States or would impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities subject to the jurisdiction of [DOE].” 16 U.S.C. § 824a(e). DOE has discretion to condition the order as necessary or appropriate; the Department “may by its order grant such application in whole or in part, with such modifications and upon such terms and conditions as [DOE] may find necessary or appropriate, and may from time to time, after opportunity for hearing and for good cause shown, make such supplemental orders in the premises as it may find necessary or appropriate.” *Id.*

A. Procedural History

On April 19, 2024, PGE submitted an application (Application or App.) requesting an electricity export authorization to Canada for a ten-year term, effective June 25, 2024. App. at 2. On May 24, 2024, DOE published a notice of PGE’s Application in the Federal Register (89 Fed. Reg. 45875) and asked for any interested parties to submit comments on the Application. No public comments were received. On June 25, 2024, DOE issued Order No. EA-97-E to Portland General Electric Company (PGE) authorizing electricity exports to Canada for a five-year term.

II. FINDINGS AND DECISION

DOE's issuance of the five-year export authorization term was a clerical error. DOE finds that the ten-year export authorization term requested by PGE in its application would have no effect on DOE's sufficiency of supply and electric reliability determinations contained in Order No. EA-97-E.

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-97-E.

III. AMENDED ORDER

Accordingly, pursuant to FPA § 202(e) and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder (10 C.F.R. §§ 205.300-309), the export authorization issued to Portland General Electric Company on June 25, 2024, is hereby amended. The export authorization shall remain in effect for a period of ten (10) years from June 25, 2024.

All other terms and conditions of Order No. EA-97-E remain unchanged.

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