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## **SENT VIA EMAIL**

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SUBJECT: Caribbean Transmission Development Co., LLC Presidential Permit Application GDO Docket No. PP-502

Dear Mr. Rousselle,

On March 14, 2024, the Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice in the *Federal Register* (89 FR 18624) announcing receipt of an application from the Caribbean Transmission Development Co., LLC (CTDC) requesting a Presidential permit authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of facilities for transmission of electric energy at the international border between the United States Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico) and the Dominican Republic. The notice (89 FR 18624) directs any person desiring to be heard in the proceeding to file a comment or protest to the Application in accordance with Rule 211 of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211) and any person desiring to become a party to the proceeding to file such a motion in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

This letter is a response to Caribbean Basin Power Authority's (CBPA) timely request to intervene in the Presidential Permit proceeding of Caribbean Transmission Development Co., LLC (GDO Docket number PP-502) pursuant to 18 CFR 385.214. DOE has accepted CBPA's request to intervene and is granting CBPA's request to become a party to this proceeding.

In lieu of requiring the persons making a filing to individually serve a copy of the filing on each of the parties in this proceeding, DOE will make every document filed and every notice or other document issued by DOE available to the parties and other interested persons by posting the material on a public website specifically dedicated to this project. Such documents will also include all material submitted by interested persons during the environmental review process discussed below. The website may be accessed by visiting <a href="www.energy.gov/gdo/pp-502-caribbean-transmission-development-company">www.energy.gov/gdo/pp-502-caribbean-transmission-development-company</a> or by browsing pending applications at <a href="www.energy.gov/gdo/presidential-permits">www.energy.gov/gdo/presidential-permits</a>.

Any party to this proceeding who is unable to obtain access to the Internet may contact DOE as indicated below. DOE will make every effort to accommodate the situation by providing alternate arrangements to give access to the information filed in the official docket.

DOE will not make a final decision on the application until it determines whether issuing a Presidential permit to CTDC is in the public interest. In determining whether issuance of a permit would be in the public interest, DOE considers the environmental impacts of the proposal (i.e., granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit); whether CTDC's proposed project would adversely impact the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system, and any other factors that DOE may consider relevant to the public interest. The environmental review process provides multiple opportunities for public participation, and you do not need to be a party in this proceeding to participate in the environmental review process. Information on additional opportunities for public review and comment periods will be made available on the project website listed previously.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the CTDC's Presidential permit proceeding. Should you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Brett Thompson via e-mail at <a href="mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov">Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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