

HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY

In the Matter of:

HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC FE DOCKET NO. EA-118 ISSUED FEBRUARY 6, 1997.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING ELECTRICITY EXPORTS TO CANADA
TO INCREASE INSTANTANEOUS TRANSMISSION RATE TO 8 MW.

1. EXISTING EXPORT AUTHORIZATION PERMIT

FE Docket No. EA-118 Issued February 6, 1997.

See attached.

2. LEGAL NAME OF THE APPLICANT

Applicant's exact legal name is "Hill County Electric Cooperative, Incorporated."

Hill County Electric is an electric distribution cooperative founded in 1945 to provide electricity to the rural areas of north central Montana. Because Hill County Electric is a cooperative, Hill County Electric's customers are member-owners.

3. Partners

Applicant does not have any partners, and, thus, is not seeking authorization to export power on behalf of, or in conjunction with, any partners or partnerships.

Neither Hill County Electric, nor its facilities, are owned, wholly or in part, by any foreign government or directly or indirectly assisted by any foreign government or instrumentality thereof. Hill County Electric has no agreement for such ownership by, or assistance from, any foreign government or instrumentality thereof.

4. Technical and Operational Specifications

Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc owns and operates a 69 kV transmission line that extends 17.5 miles from our North Gildford substation to the international boundary adjacent to Wild Horse, Alberta, Canada (48.999238, -110.214917). At the border the

Hill County transmission line connects with similar facilities that serve the Enbridge Inc. (Enbridge) Express Pipeline Ltd. Wildhorse pumping station. The Wildhorse pump station began operation in 1997 and serves a crude oil pipeline that transports Canadian-produced oil from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada to Casper, Wyoming. The original Presidential Permit, Docket No. PP-118, and Electricity Export Authorization, Order No. EA-118, were issued on February 6, 1997.

5. CONTACT INFORMATION

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6. Statutory Criteria

Hill County Electric hereby seeks modification to FE Docket No. EA-118 to accommodate a request from Enbridge, to increase the current permit to a total allowable for authorized export capability over the existing facilities to an instantaneous transmission capacity of up to 8 MW.

Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("HCE") anticipates that the proposed increase in electricity exports from 6 MW to 8 MW will not impair the sufficiency of electric supply within the United States or impede or tend to impede the coordinated use of the U.S. power supply network. The proposed export is within HCE's available system capability and will not adversely affect HCE's ability to reliably serve its existing and reasonably anticipated native load requirements.

HCE will continue to maintain sufficient resources, capacity, and transmission capability to meet its domestic electric service obligations. The proposed increase of 2 MW is not expected to adversely affect the adequacy or reliability of HCE's system or the interconnected electric grid.

The proposed export will be conducted in accordance with all applicable interconnection, transmission, scheduling, and reliability requirements. HCE does not anticipate that the increase from 6 MW to 8 MW will interfere with the coordinated use of the U.S. power supply network or adversely affect the availability or reliability of electric supply to domestic customers.

7. Conclusion

Hill County Electric Cooperative respectfully request the Department grant this Application and issue the requested modification as soon as possible. We appreciate the Department's assistance in this matter.

8. SIGNATURE

WHEREFORE Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc. requests that the Administration amend FE Docket No. EA-118 pursuant to Executive Order No. 10485.

Respectfully submitted,
HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
By:

Craig Gates, General Manager

DATED:

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STATE OF MONTANA
COUNTY OF HILL

CRAIG GATES, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the General Manager of Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Montana; that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof pertaining to Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

[Signature]

Craig Gates, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this *10th* day of *June*, 2026.

[Signature]

Notary Public



KERI PIKE
NOTARY PUBLIC
for the State of Montana
Residing at Havre, Montana
My Commission Expires
May 11, 2030