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Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Gregory A. Troxell
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Re: Emergency Temporary Export Authority: OE Docket No. EA-343

Dear Mr. Troxell:

This letter Order is being issued in response to your electronic mail letter received on December 22, 2008, requesting emergency temporary authority for the Midwest Independent Transmission Operator (MISO) to export electric energy to Canada. Your request is based upon the possible need for MISO to export electric energy to Canada as part of its responsibilities as a Balancing Authority and the associated commencement of an Ancillary Services Market, which was authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to begin operation on January 6, 2009.

The Department of Energy (DOE) is currently processing an application by MISO in this Docket for authorization to export electric energy to Canada utilizing the international transmission facilities presently owned by Minnesota Power, Inc., the International Transmission Company, Minnkota Power Cooperative, and Northern States Power Company/Xcel. We are continuing to process MISO's export application and will render a final decision on it in the near future. However, in the event that DOE does not conclude this proceeding before January 6, 2009, DOE is issuing this emergency temporary export authorization so that MISO may comply with its responsibilities as a Balancing Authority, implement the Ancillary Services Market authorized by FERC, and provide any reciprocal emergency services that may be required by Canadian Balancing Authorities.

Accordingly, MISO is hereby granted temporary authority to export electric energy to Canada beginning January 6, 2009, up until a final order is issued in this proceeding, under the following terms and conditions:

- (A) The electric energy exported by MISO pursuant to this Order may be delivered to Canada only over the following existing international transmission facilities for which assessments of the transmission limits for operation in the export mode have been made:



<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Voltage</u>	<u>Presidential Permit No.</u>
International Transmission Company	Detroit, MI	230-kV	PP-230
	Marysville, MI	230-kV	PP-230
	St. Claire, MI	230-kV	PP-230
	St. Claire, MI	345-kV	PP-230
Minnesota Power, Inc.	International Falls, MN	115-kV	PP-78
Minnkota Power Cooperative	Roseau County, MN	230-kV	PP-61
Northern States Power Co./Xcel	Red River, ND	230-kV	PP-45
	Roseau County, MN	500-kV	PP-63
	Rugby, ND	230-kV	PP-231

- (B) Exports by MISO made pursuant to this Order shall not cause the total exports on a combination of the facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-230 (issued to International Transmission Company) to exceed a coincident, instantaneous transmission rate of 2.2 billion volt-amperes (2,200 MVA).
- (C) Exports by MISO made pursuant to this Order shall not cause total exports on the facilities authorized by Presidential Permit PP-78 (issued to Minnesota Power) to exceed an instantaneous transmission rate of 100 megawatts (MW). Exports by MISO may cause total exports on the PP-78 facilities to exceed 100 MW only when total exports between the United States and Manitoba Hydro are below maximum transfer limits and/or whenever operating conditions within the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) permit exports on the PP-78 facilities above the 100-MW level without violating established MRO reliability criteria. However, under no circumstances shall exports by MISO cause the total exports on the PP-78 facilities to exceed 150 MW.
- (D) Exports made by MISO pursuant to this Order shall not cause total exports on a combination of the international transmission lines authorized by Presidential Permits PP-45 and PP-63 (issued to Northern States Power), PP-61 (issued to Minnkota Power), and PP-231 (issued to Northern States Power/Xcel), to exceed an instantaneous transmission rate of 700 MW on a firm basis and 1050 MW on a non-firm basis.

DOE notes that it will satisfy its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 at the conclusion of this proceeding through the documentation of a categorical exclusion. DOE believes that the citation of that categorical exclusion will suffice to satisfy its NEPA responsibilities in issuing this emergency temporary authorization.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-5935.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anthony J. Como". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Anthony J. Como
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