

wildlife resources, including protected species; cultural resources; and other impacts identified through scoping, public involvement and interagency coordination.

f. *Scoping*: An initial scoping letter was sent to stakeholders in the southwest Florida region in April, 2006, as notification of the initiation of a Feasibility Study to address the water resource problems in southwest Florida. An additional scoping letter will be used to invite comments on alternatives and issues from Federal, State, and local agencies, affected Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and individuals.

g. *DEIS Preparation*: The integrated Feasibility Report, including a DEIS, is currently estimated for publication in late 2009.

Dated: February 18, 2009.

**Eric P. Summa,**

*Chief, Environmental Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will enable DOE to have current knowledge of Federal employees and contractors conducting foreign travel to a non U.S. territory on the behalf of DOE. Information gathered will include dates of travel, destination, purpose, and after-hour contact information in case of emergency.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4650.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102,

735 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

And to Julie Squires by fax at (202) 586-0406 or by e-mail at [julie.squires@hq.doe.gov](mailto:julie.squires@hq.doe.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Julie Squires at [julie.squires@hq.doe.gov](mailto:julie.squires@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains: (1) OMB No. {"New"}; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Records, and secures approval of all foreign travel conducted by DOE federal employees and contractors. The system allows DOE to have full accountability of all travel and in cases of emergency DOE is able to quickly retrieve information as to who is traveling, where the individual is traveling, and the dates of travel. Information gathered is listed under three categories: (1) Traveler Information which requests traveler's name, passport information, site, position, and contact information, (2) General Trip Information which consists of estimated travel costs, and (3) Trip Itinerary Information which consists of destination, dates of travel, and purpose, (5) Type of Respondents: DOE Federal employees and contractors traveling on behalf of DOE (6) Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 8,313; (7) Estimated Annual Number of Burden Hours: 4228; (8) Estimated Annual Cost Burden: None.

**Authority:** DOE Order 551.1C (Jun. 24, 2008), regarding "Official Foreign Travel."

Issued in Washington, DC on February 20, 2009.

**Julie Squires,**

*Acting Director, Office of Management, Office of International Travel and Exchange Visitor Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-350]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Saracen Power LLC

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Saracen Power LLC (Saracen Power) has applied for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before March 30, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-5860).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202-586-9624 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On February 15, 2009, DOE received an application from Saracen Power for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer. Saracen Power is a Texas limited partnership with its principal place of business in Houston, TX. Saracen has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. Saracen Power does not own any electric transmission facilities nor does it hold a franchised service area. The electric energy which Saracen Power proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States.

Saracen Power proposes to export electric energy to Canada and to arrange for the delivery of those exports over the international transmission facilities presently owned by Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Co., Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power, Inc., Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc., New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., Northern States Power Company, Sea Breeze Olympic Converter, Vermont Electric Power Company, and Vermont Electric Transmission Company.

The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of each of the international transmission facilities to be utilized by Saracen Power was previously authorized by a Presidential