

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Federal Student Loan Program Deferment Request Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0011.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 704,903.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 112,819.

*Abstract:* These forms serve as the means by which borrowers in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan), Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Programs may request deferment of repayment on their loans if they meet certain statutory and regulatory criteria. The U.S. Department of Education and other loan holders uses the information collected on these forms to determine whether a borrower meets the eligibility requirements for the specific deferment type being submitted. For greater simplicity and to make it easier to maintain consistency among the various forbearance forms, the Department is consolidating all the current forbearance forms into a single collection under OMB No. 1845-0011. This collection is merging the six currently approved deferment forms in

1845-0011 with the military deferment form currently approved under 1845-0080 and the cancer treatment deferment form currently approved under 1845-0154.

The Department is requesting a revision of the currently approved deferment forms. The proposed changes include the following:

Streamlining the forms by eliminating duplicative and obsolete information; reordering items to present information in a more logical order that is consistent between forms; using "plain language" to present information more clearly and consistently; revising language as necessary to reflect regulatory changes made by the Final Rule published on November 1, 2022 (87 FR 65904) that eliminated the capitalization of unpaid interest following periods of forbearance effective July 1, 2023.

Dated: June 25, 2024.

**Kun Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance, Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-48-O]

### Application To Amend Export Authorization; El Paso Electric Company

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** El Paso Electric Company (EPE or Applicant) has applied to amend its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Mexico pursuant to the Federal Power Act to reflect a change in counterparty.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before July 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brett Thompson, (202) 288-2028, [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Department of Energy (DOE) regulates electricity exports from the United States to foreign countries in accordance with section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C.

824a(e)) and regulations thereunder (10 CFR 205.300 *et seq.*). Sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 7172(f)) transferred this regulatory authority, previously exercised by the now-defunct Federal Power Commission, to DOE.

Section 202(e) of the FPA provides that an entity which seeks to export electricity must obtain an order from DOE authorizing that export (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)). On April 10, 2023, the authority to issue such orders was delegated to the DOE's Grid Deployment Office (GDO) by Delegation Order No. S1-DEL-S3-2023 and Redelegation Order No. S3-DEL-GD1-2023.

On April 16, 1992, DOE issued Order No. EA-48-I authorizing EPE to export electric energy from the United States to Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE) in Mexico. Most recently, this export authorization was temporarily amended by Order No. EA-48-N on February 25, 1998. On May 1, 2024, EPE filed an application with DOE (App. or Application) requesting to amend its export authorization to reflect a change in counterparty from CFE to the Centro Nacional de Control de Energía (CENACE). App. at 2.

According to the Application, EPE and CFE entered into an Interchange Agreement (Enabling Contract) to "govern the exchange of power between the two countries." *Id.* EPE states that "reforms in Mexico have resulted in CFE no longer being responsible for energy transactions with EPE pursuant to the Enabling Contract. Rather, [CENACE] now operates [Mexico's] wholesale electricity market, has operational control of the national electric system, and establishes energy imports and exports for reliability and emergency situations." *Id.* EPE states that the Enabling Contract was assigned from CFE to CENACE effective April 16, 2024. *Id.* EPE requests that DOE amend its export authorization to reflect CENACE as the counterparty rather than CFE and confirm that the export authorization will remain applicable to the Enabling Contract now that it has been assigned to CENACE. *Id.*

*Procedural Matters:* Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov). Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC's) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at

hq.doe.gov in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning El Paso Electric Company's Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-48-O.

Additional copies are to be provided directly to Abe Gonzalez, El Paso Electric, P.O. Box 982, El Paso, Texas 79960, [abe.gonzalez@epelectric.com](mailto:abe.gonzalez@epelectric.com).

A final decision will be made on the requested authorization after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE evaluates whether the proposed action will have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the United States electric power supply system.

Copies of this Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/pending-applications-0> or by emailing [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**Signing Authority:** This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 24, 2024, by Maria Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 26, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act

requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, July 25, 2024; 6 p.m.–8 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Room 165, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Simonton, Federal Coordinator, by Phone: (740) 897-3737 or Email: [greg.simonton@pppo.gov](mailto:greg.simonton@pppo.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

*Tentative Agenda:*

- Presentation
- Administrative Activities
- Public Comments

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Greg Simonton in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth will hear oral public comments during the meeting. Written statements may be filed either before or after the meeting. Written comments received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, July 19, 2024, will be read aloud during the meeting. Written comments submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, August 2, 2024, will be included in the minutes. Please submit written comments to Greg Simonton with "Public Comment" in the subject line. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing or calling Greg Simonton, Federal Coordinator, U.S. Department of Energy, Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, P.O. Box 700, Piketon, OH 45661, Email: [greg.simonton@pppo.gov](mailto:greg.simonton@pppo.gov) or by Phone: (740) 897-3737, Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/ports-ssab/listings/meeting-materials>.

**Signing Authority:** This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 25, 2024, by David Borak,

Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 26, 2024.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. PP-92-1]

### Application To Amend Presidential Permit; El Paso Electric Company

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** El Paso Electric Company (EPE or Applicant) has applied to amend Presidential Permit No. PP-48 to reflect a change in counterparty. Concurrent with this request, the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) intends to amend the permit to incorporate reference to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Western Systems Coordinating Council, as applicable, pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before July 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed by electronic mail to [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brett Thompson, (202) 288-2028, [Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The construction, operation, maintenance, and connection of facilities at the international border of the United States for the transmission of electric energy between the United States and a foreign country is prohibited in the absence of a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 10485, as amended by E.O. 12038. On April 10,