

collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 14, 2004.

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#### **Institute of Education Sciences**

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Common Core of Data Survey System.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 58.

Burden Hours: 12,040.

*Abstract:* The Common Core of Data (CCD) is the National Center for Education Statistics' universe data collection for finance and non-finance information about public school districts and schools. Information is collected annually from school districts about the districts and their member schools including enrollment by grade, race/ethnicity, and gender. Information is also collected about students receiving various types of services such as English Language Learner services. The CCD also collects information about the occurrence of high school dropouts. Information about teachers and staffing is also collected. The information that institutions provide will be used for a variety of administrative and statistical purposes by the Department of Education and will also be publicly available in identifiable form on the Department of Education's Web site.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2615. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her e-mail [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device

for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**[Docket No. EA-295]**

#### **Application To Export Electric Energy; Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. (MLCI), 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 October 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Systems (FE-27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-287-5736).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steven Mintz (Program Office) 202-586-9506 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated and require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On September 7, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) received an application from MLCI to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada. MLCI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located in New York City, NY. MLCI is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., a Delaware corporation. MLCI has requested an electricity export authorization with a 5-year term. MLCI does not own or control any transmission or distribution assets, nor does it have a franchised service area. The electric energy which MLCI proposes to export to Canada would be purchased from electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies within the U.S.

MLCI proposes to arrange for the delivery of electric energy to Canada over the existing international transmission facilities owned by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bonneville

Power Administration, Eastern Maine Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, Joint Owners of the Highgate Project, Long Sault, Inc., Maine Electric Power Company, Maine Public Service Company, Minnesota Power Inc., Minnekota Power Cooperative, New York Power Authority, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Northern States Power, 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 MLCI, as more fully described in the application, has previously been authorized by a Presidential permit issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended.

*Procedural Matters:* Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to be heard by filing comments or protests to this application should file a petition to intervene, comment or protest at the address provided above in accordance with section 385.211 or 385.214 of the FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of each petition and protest should be filed with DOE on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the MLCI application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-295. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Locke R. McMurray, Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc., Four World Financial Center, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10080 and David J. Levine and Donna M. Sauter, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 600 13th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3096.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above or by accessing the Fossil Energy Home Page at <http://www.fe.de.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Electricity Regulation," and then "Pending Procedures" from the options menus.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy

**[FE Docket Nos. 04-75-NG, 04-76-NG, 04-77-NG, 04-39-LNG, 04-40-LNG, 04-80-NG, 04-78-NG, 04-81-NG, 04-82-NG]**

**Alcoa Inc., IGI Resources, Inc., BP Energy Company, BG LNG Services, LLC, BG LNG Services, LLC, Union Gas Limited, Select Energy, Inc., Concord Energy LLC, Central Valle Hermoso, S.A. de C.V.; Orders Granting and Amending Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of orders.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during August 2004, it issued Orders granting authority to import and export natural gas. These

Orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://www.fe.doe.gov> (select gas regulation). They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 3, 2004.

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### **Appendix; Orders Granting and Amending Import/Export Authorizations**

#### DOE/FE AUTHORITY

| Order No. | Date issued | Importer/Exporter FE docket No.                | Import volume | Export volume | Comments  |
|-----------|-------------|--|---------------|---------------|---|
| 2007      | 8-2-04      | Alcoa Inc., 04-75-NG .....                     | 15 Bcf        | .....         | Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on May 1, 2004, and extending through April 30, 2006.   |
| 2008      | 8-2-04      | IGI Resources, Inc., 04-76-NG .....            | 400 Bcf       | .....         | Import natural gas from Canada, beginning on August 1, 2004, and extending through July 31, 2006.   |
| 2009      | 8-4-04      | BP Energy Company, 04-77-NG .....              | 1200 Bcf      | .....         | Import liquefied natural gas from various international sources, beginning on August 22, 2004, and extending through August 21, 2006.           |
| 1977-A    | 8-17-04     | BG LNG Services, LLC, 04-39-LNG .....          | .....         | .....         | Amendment to long-term authority to include the requirement of country of origin.   |
| 1975-A    | 8-17-04     | BG LNG Services, LLC, 04-40-LNG .....          | .....         | .....         | Amendment to long-term authority to include the requirement of country of origin.   |
| 2010      | 8-13-04     | Union Gas Limited, 04-80-NG .....              | 216 Bcf       | .....         | Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on August 15, 2004, and continuing through August 14, 2006.     |
| 2011      | 8-17-04     | Select Energy, Inc., 04-78-NG .....            | 100 Bcf       | .....         | Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on August 17, 2004, and continuing through August 16, 2006.     |
| 2012      | 8-19-04     | Concord Energy LLC, 04-81-NG .....             | 100 Bcf       | .....         | Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Canada, beginning on September 1, 2004, and continuing through August 31, 2006.   |
| 2013      | 8-24-04     | Central Valle Hermoso, S.A. de C.V., 04-82-NG. | 30 Bcf        | .....         | Import and export a combined total of natural gas from and to Mexico, beginning on September 5, 2004, and continuing through September 4, 2006. |

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