

- 6. 692 responses annually.
- 7. Annual total of 4,152 hours.
- 10. Annual total of \$0.

**Statutory Authority:** Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b).

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**Stephanie Brown,**

*Director, Office of Survey Development and Statistical Integration, U. S. Energy Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-211-C]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; DTE Energy Trading, Inc.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** DTE Energy Trading, Inc. (DTE Energy Trading) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before April 13, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be addressed to: Christopher Lawrence, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350. Because of delays in handling conventional mail, it is recommended that documents be transmitted by overnight mail, by electronic mail to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) at 202-586-5260, or by email to *Christopher.Lawrence@hq.doe.gov*.

**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 June 24, 1999, DOE issued Order No. EA-211, which authorized DTE Energy Trading to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a two-year term

using existing international transmission facilities. DOE subsequently renewed that authority two additional times in Order No. EA-211-A on April 25, 2002 and in Order No. EA-211-B on April 18, 2007. The current authority will expire on April 25, 2012. On January 26, 2012, DTE Energy Trading filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-211-B for an additional five-year term.

The electric energy that DTE Energy Trading proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by DTE Energy Trading have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

**Procedural Matters:** Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments on the DTE Energy Trading application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. 211-C. An additional copy is to be filed directly with Brian C. Drumm, DTE Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Detroit, MI 48226 AND Marcia Hissong, DTE Energy Trading, Inc., 414 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE's National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse 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, by accessing the program Web site at <http://energy.gov/node/11845> or by emailing Angela Troy at *Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov*.

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**Brian Mills,**

*Director, Permitting and Siting Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment as a member of the Environmental Management Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2, the U.S. Department of Energy is soliciting nominations for candidates to fill vacancies on the Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB).

**DATES:** The deadline for nominations for members will be accepted on or before April 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The nominations must include a resume, a short biography, and are to be submitted to the following address: Environmental Management Advisory Board (EM-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 (for additional details, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristen Ellis, Designated Federal Officer, Environmental Management Advisory Board (EM-3.2), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone (202) 586-5810; fax (202) 586-0293 or email: *kristen.ellis@em.doe.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EMAB provides advice and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management on a broad range of programmatic issues, including but not limited to the following: Project management and oversight, cost/benefit analyses, program performance, human capital development, and contracts and acquisition strategies. The Board is comprised of up to 15 members who are appointed by the Secretary of Energy as special Government employees or as representatives of entities including, among others, research facilities, academic institutions, regulatory entities, and stakeholder organizations,

should the Board's tasks require such representation.

EMAB meets the criteria for, and is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Members are selected in accordance with FACA requirements and serve on an uncompensated, volunteer basis. Members, however, may be reimbursed in accordance with the Federal Travel Regulations for authorized per diem and travel expenses incurred while attending Board meetings.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management is accepting nominations through April 20, 2012, to fill vacancies on its Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB or Board). Applicants with expertise in project management, acquisition management, human capital management, environmental management and engineering, or other related fields are preferred. This expertise may be drawn from service in the private sector, academia, research institutions, professional organizations, or local and state governments. The Board requires a balanced membership so that a diversity of perspectives is represented on the issues that come before it. This membership balance is not static, however, and may change depending on the work of the committee.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. Self-nominations are also welcome. Nominations must include a resume and short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current occupation, position, address and daytime telephone number. Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Please note, however, that Federally-registered lobbyists and individuals already serving on another Federal advisory committee are ineligible for nomination. All nominees will be vetted before selection.

Nominations can be sent by U.S. Mail or electronically to Ms. Kristen Ellis, Designated Federal Officer, at the address above. For further information on EMAB, please visit the Web site: [www.em.doe.gov/emab](http://www.em.doe.gov/emab) or contact Ms. Ellis directly.

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**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### U.S. Energy Information Administration; Proposed Agency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Notice and Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The EIA invites public comment on the proposed collection of information, EIA-882T, "Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research" that EIA is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before May 14, 2012. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Richard Reeves, Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585 or by fax at 202-586-5271 or by email at [richard.reeves@eia.gov](mailto:richard.reeves@eia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Richard Reeves, Energy Information Administration, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington

DC 20585, phone: 202-586-5856, email: [richard.reeves@eia.gov](mailto:richard.reeves@eia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* New;  
(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Generic Clearance for Questionnaire Testing, Evaluation, and Research;  
(3) *Type of Request:* Proposed;  
(4) *Purpose:* The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is planning to request a three-year approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to utilize qualitative and quantitative methodologies to pretest questionnaires and validate the quality of the data that is collected on EIA forms. This authority would allow EIA to conduct pretest surveys, pilot surveys, respondent debriefings, cognitive interviews, usability interviews, and focus groups. Through the use of these methodologies, EIA will improve the quality of data being collected, reduce or minimize respondent burden, increase agency efficiency, and improve responsiveness to the public. This authority would also allow EIA to improve data collection in order to meet the needs of EIA's customers while also staying current in the evolving nature of the energy industries.

The specific methods proposed for the coverage by this clearance are described below. Also outlined is the legal authority for these voluntary information gathering activities.

The methods proposed are the following:

**Field Testing.** Field testing surveys conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological studies of 500 cases or less. The samples may not be statistically representative because it will be designed to clarify particular issues rather than to be representative of the universe. Collection may be on the basis of convenience, e.g., limited to specific geographic locations, but the selection of sample cases will not be completely arbitrary in any instance. The sample designs will be determined at the time of development and will vary based on the content of the information collection or survey being tested.

**Pilot Surveys.** Pilot surveys conducted under this clearance will generally be methodological studies of 500 cases or less, but will always employ statistically representative samples. The pilot surveys will replicate all components of the methodological design, sampling procedures (where possible) and questionnaires of the full scale survey. Pilots will normally be utilized when