

Underneath all four domains lie questions that contains specific information for each of the domains. Examples of questions that can be asked with specific reference to resilience are:

- What procedures are included in your emergency action plan? [Preparedness]
- To date, what smart grid technologies have you incorporated into your distribution system? [Mitigation Measures]
- Does the control and dispatch center use a distribution management system? [Response Capabilities]
- What service restoration method(s) does the utility use? [Recovery Mechanisms]

For each of these questions there will be a set of distinct answers. This method of construction allows consistent, objective information collection for all entities interested in using the model. In cooperation with the utility industry, a working group will be created to assist in determining the direction of the program.

II. Request for Information

In order to develop this pilot project, DOE would like input from resilience experts in the electric distribution industry to gauge the interest and usefulness of the proposed decision support tool. This RFI provides the public and industry stakeholders with the opportunity to provide their view on the development of a resilience tool. The intent of this RFI is to solicit information pertinent to the need and viability of the resilience assessment tool. The information obtained is meant to be used by DOE for tool design and strategy development purposes. In your comments, please reference the question(s) to which you are responding, as well as provide other pertinent information.

A. Resilience Assessment Tool Need

(1) Would a resilience assessment tool be of interest for electric distribution utilities?

(2) What would you like to see in such a model should it exist (*i.e.*, functionality, presentation, accessibility?)

B. Resilience Tool Criteria/Domains

There are four key domains proposed for resilience: preparedness, mitigation measures, response and recovery. Each of these components has subcomponents as detailed below:

- a. *Preparedness*: Awareness and Planning.
- b. *Mitigation Measures*: Extreme Weather Mitigation, Utility Mitigation, and Dependencies Mitigation.

c. *Response Capabilities*: Internal Capabilities and External Capabilities.

d. *Recovery Mechanisms*: Resource Restoration Agreements and Utility Service Restoration.

(3) Do these components and subcomponents make sense as contributors to electric distribution system resilience?

(4) What is missing, or should be taken away?

C. Data Protection

(5) What are your concerns about data protection if asked to submit anonymous aggregate data for a national average for electric distribution resilience?

(6) Data protection is recognized as an important consideration for utility participation in such an assessment model. What are your opinions and recommendations on data protection?

D. Working Group Participation

(7) Would your utility be willing to participate in a working group intent on constructing the relative importance of the different components and subcomponents to the overall resilience of the system? Who would be the appropriate person within your utility to participate in such a working group?

(8) Are there others who you would suggest to provide early feedback on tool development?

(9) Is your utility interested in being part of a demonstration or pilot during early testing?

E. Other Feedback

Additional comments that may not be captured in replies these questions, but are considered relevant by respondents are highly encouraged.

Authority: Presidential Policy Directive-21.

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Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-411]

Application to Export Electric Energy; Targray Americas Inc.

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

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Targray Americas Inc. (Targray) 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 motions to intervene must be submitted on or before July 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: 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 Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

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 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On May 29, 2015, DOE received an application from Targray for authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for five years using existing international transmission facilities.

In its application, Targray states that it does not own or control any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. Targray states that it has applied for market-based rate authority from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to engage in the sale and purchase of electric energy to and from Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations. As such, the electric energy that Targray proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as power marketers, independent power producers, electric utilities, and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by Targray 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 (18 CFR 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 and other filings concerning the Targray application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-411. An additional copy is to be provided directly to Ruta Kalvaitis Skucas, Pierce Atwood LLC, 900 17th St., NW., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20006 and to Karen Roberge, Targray Technology International Inc., 18105 Transcanadienne, Kirkland QC, H9J 3Z4 Canada.

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 sufficiency of supply or 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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Director, Permitting and Siting, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-171-D]

Application To Export Electric Energy; Powerex Corp.

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

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: Powerex Corp. (Applicant or Powerex) 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.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before July 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments, protests, motions to intervene, or requests for more information should be addressed to: 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 Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov, or by facsimile to 202-586-8008.

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 Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On November 17, 2010, DOE issued Order No. EA-171-C to Powerex Corp., which authorized the Applicant to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a five-year term using existing international transmission facilities. That authority expires on November 17, 2015. On May 19, 2015, Powerex filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-171-C for an additional five-year term.

In its application, Powerex states that it does not own or operate any electric generation or transmission facilities, and it does not have a franchised service area. The electric energy that Powerex proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by Powerex 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 (18 CFR 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 and other filings concerning Powerex's application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA-171-D. An additional copy is to be provided directly to both Mike MacDougall and Karen McDonald, Powerex Corp., 666 Burrard Street, Suite 1300, Vancouver, British Columbia Canada V6C 2X8 and to both Deanna King and Tracey Bradley, Bracewell and Giuliani LLP, 2000 K Street NW., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20006.

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 sufficiency of supply or 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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Science Applications International Corporation and Its Identified Subcontractor, Solutions by Design II, LLC

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Science Applications International Corporation of McLean, VA, and its identified subcontractor, Solutions by Design II, LLC of Vienna, VA, to access information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).