wildfire hazard in general and improve forest health). Each project as it is developed will follow certain planning steps that include formulating a plan of action that will identify and assess potential risks and environmental concerns and formulating a reasoned treatment plan. These plans will include facility and forest fire hazard assessment, identification of resource issues, coordination with neighboring land management agencies and land owners, development of end-state conditions, and formulation of treatment and environmental protection measures. Treatment measures will be identified for each project including the equipment and involved job performances, and types of treatment measures to be performed based on the forest and site conditions in the project area. Integral to treatment measures would be complementary measures to protect public health and welfare and to protect and enhance cultural and natural resources. Worker protection and health and safety measures, cultural resource protection measures, air quality protection measures, water quality protection measures, threatened and endangered species protection measures, as well as other biological resources protection measures would be employed on each project. Wood materials and wastes generated from the treatment activities would be disposed of as follows: wood materials will be donated or salvaged for use by the surrounding communities, or may be contracted for to offset program operational costs; wastes will be disposed of on-site by chipping and reuse as mulch, by burning within pits using air curtain destructor devices to enhance the burning process, or at on-site waste disposal facilities. Additionally, waste may be sent to off-site disposal facilities as well. Post-treatment assessments will be conducted for each project area that will include some or all of the following: end-state conditions assessment, fuel load inventories, ecological field studies, watershed assessment and monitoring, and data analysis and modeling. Maintenance measures would be implemented on project areas at least once every 5 years (or as necessary) to maintain the desired end-state conditions of the forests at LANL. These maintenance measures will include the type of treatment measures used to initially treat an area and may also include periodic mowing and the maintenance of access roads. NNSA may also consider the use of prescribed burning under very carefully controlled conditions in the future as a forest maintenance tool. However, at this time, DOE is still in the process of developing a complex-wide policy on prescribed burning and a moratorium on the use prescribed burning at DOE sites is in effect until the policy has been issued. NNSA will likely revisit this issue at a later time.

Additional information about wildfire hazard reduction projects can be found in the April 2001 document entitled Wildfire Hazard Reduction Project Plan (LA–UR–01–2017). Both DOE/EA 1329 and this plan are available by contacting Elizabeth Withers at (505) 667–8690, or writing to her at the previously identified Los Alamos Area Office address. These documents have also been placed electronically at: *http://lib-www.lanl.gov/pubs/Environment.htm* and in hard copy at the DOE Reading Rooms at: the Community Relations Office, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM 87545; and the Government Information Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131–1466.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR Part 1022), NNSA will prepare a floodplain assessment for this proposed action, which will be made available by contacting Elizabeth Withers at the previously identified addresses, phone and facsimile numbers. It will available electronically at: *http://lib-www.lanl.gov/pubs/Environment.htm.* After DOE issues the assessment, a floodplain statement of findings will be published in the **Federal Register.**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**[FE Docket No. PP–242]**

## Application for Presidential Permit Maestros Group L.L.P.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Application.

**SUMMARY:** Maestros Group L.L.P. (Maestros) has applied for a Presidential permit to construct, operate, maintain, and connect a double-circuit electric transmission line across the U.S. border with Mexico.

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before July 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Coal & Power Import and Export (FE–27), Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–0350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Russell (Program Office) 202–586–9624 or Michael T. Skinker (Program Attorney) 202–586–2793.

**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 (EO) 10485, as amended by EO 12038.

On May 10, 2001, Maestros, an independent power producer, filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) for a Presidential permit. Maestros proposes to construct a 500-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle, natural gas-fired powerplant in the vicinity of Nogales, Arizona, and a double-circuit 230,000 volt (230-kV) transmission line across the U.S. border to Nogales, Sònora, Mexico. In Mexico, Maestros plans to interconnect with the main power grid of Comision Federal de Electricidad, the national electric utility of Mexico, and to export the electrical output of the powerplant to Mexico. The generating facilities are proposed to be placed in service in late 2004; Maestros does not propose to be interconnected with the electric power system of the U.S. In a related activity, outside the jurisdiction of the DOE, Maestros proposes to construct a 100 MW natural gas-fired powerplant at the same site with the electrical output dedicated to the U.S. market.

Since restructuring of the electric power industry began, resulting in the introduction of different types of competitive entities into the marketplace, DOE has consistently expressed its policy that cross-border trade in electric energy should be subject to the same principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination that apply to transmission in interstate commerce. DOE has stated that policy in export authorizations granted to entities requesting authority to export over international transmission facilities. Specifically, DOE expects transmitting utilities owning border facilities to

provide access across the border in accordance with the principles of comparable open access and non-discrimination contained in the FPA and articulated in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order No. 888 (Promotion Wholesale Competition Through Open Access Non-Discriminatory Transmission Services by Public utilities; FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,036 (1996)), as amended. In furtherance of this policy, on July 27, 1999, (64 FR 40586) DOE initiated a proceeding in which it noticed its intention to condition existing and future Presidential permits, appropriate for third party transmission, on compliance with a requirement to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission service. That proceeding is not yet complete. However, in this docket DOE specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of applying the open access requirement on Maestros' proposed facilities.

*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 §§ 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 the DOE on or before the date listed above.

Additional copies of such petitions to intervene or protests also should be filed directly with: Hugh Holub, Maestros Group L.L.C., 1881 N. Mastick Way, Suite 400, Nogales, AZ 85621.

Before a Presidential permit may be issued or amended, the DOE must determine that the proposed action will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. In addition, DOE must consider the environmental impacts of the proposed action (i.e., granting the Presidential permit, with any conditions and limitations, or denying the permit) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DOE also must obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense before taking final action on a Presidential permit application.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: http://www.FE.DOE.GOV. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select ''Electricity'' from the options menu, and then ''Pending Proceedings.''

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. ER01–2354–000]**

### Bangor Hydro-Electric Company; Notice of Filing

June 25, 2001.

Take notice that on June 15, 2001, pursuant to Section 2.11 of the Settlement Agreement filed on November 1, 2000, in Docket No. ER00–980–000, and accepted and modified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on February 26, 2001, Bangor-Hydro Electric Company (Bangor Hydro) submits this informational filing showing the implementation of Bangor Hydro's open access transmission tariff formula rate for the charges that became effective on June 1, 2001.

Copies of this filing were sent to Bangor Hydro's open access transmission tariff customers that have requested to receive a copy (Indeck Maine Energy, L.L.C.), the Commission Trial Staff, the Maine Public Utilities Commission, and the Maine Public Advocate.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest such filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). All such motions and protests should be filed on or before July 6, 2001. Protests will be considered by the Commission to determine the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may also be viewed on the Internet at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance). Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at http://www.ferc.fed.us/efi/doorbell.htm.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. CP01–390–000]**

### Egan Hub Partners, L.P.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

June 25, 2001.

Take notice that on June 18, 2001, Egan Hub Partners, L.P. (Egan Hub), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056, filed a request with the Commission in Docket No. CP01–390–000, pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for authorization to construct and operate facilities under Egan Hub's blanket certificate, issued in Docket No. CP96–199–000, in Acadia and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana to interconnect with the mainline systems of Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) and Florida Gas Transmission Company (Florida Gas), all as more fully set forth in the request on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm (call 202–208–2222 for assistance).

Specifically, Egan Hub requests authorization to: (i) construct, own, operate, and maintain a new 21.34-mile, 24-inch diameter pipeline that will originate at the existing Egan Hub storage facilities in Acadia Parish, Louisiana and terminate at a proposed interconnect with Texas Eastern in Evangeline Parish; (ii) construct and own a new meter and regulator station and interconnect facilities at an interconnection with Texas Eastern in Evangeline Parish; and (iii) construct and own a new meter and regulator station and interconnect facilities at an interconnection with Florida Gas in Acadia Parish. The Texas Eastern M&R Station and Florida Gas M&R Station will be located on property owned by Egan Hub and will be operated and maintained by Texas Eastern and Florida Gas, respectively, pursuant to their Operation and Maintenance Agreements with Egan Hub. The