



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[GDO Docket No. EA-467-A]

Application for Renewal of Authorization to Export Electric Energy; Citigroup

Commodities Canada ULC

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: Citigroup Commodities Canada ULC (Applicant or CCCU) has applied for renewed authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to the Federal Power Act.

DATES: Comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Gomer, (240) 474-2403, *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 May 10, 2019, DOE issued Order No. EA-467 to CCCU to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer for a period of five years. On February 21, 2024, CCCU filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of its export authority for a five-year term. App. at 1.

According to the Application, CCCU is an Alberta, Canada corporation that is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Citigroup Inc. (“Citigroup”). *Id.* at 1-2. CCCU represents that through Citigroup, CCCU is affiliated with Citigroup Energy Inc., which is authorized by FERC to sell energy, capacity, and ancillary services at market-based rates. *Id.* at 2 & n.4. CCCU states that neither it nor its affiliates own or operate any electric facilities, nor do they own or controls interests in transmission or distribution facilities in the United States or Canada. *Id.* at 2. The Applicant represents that the electricity it proposes to export will be purchased from third parties pursuant to voluntary agreements and that such electricity would be, by definition, surplus to the needs of the selling entities. *Id.* at 5. CCCU also states it will comply with applicable reliability standards, export limits, and other regulatory requirements and procedures. *See Id.* at 5-7. CCCU thus asserts its export of this electricity will not impair the sufficiency of electric supply within the United States or the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operations. *Id.* at 5, 7.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have been previously authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties. *See App.* at Exhibit C.

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. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of 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 Electricity.Exports@hq.doe.gov in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning CCCU’s Application should be clearly marked with GDO Docket No. EA-467-A. Additional copies are to be provided directly to

Jeffery Gollomp, Citigroup Energy Inc., 2700 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 400, Houston, TX 77056, Jeffrey.Gollomp@citi.com, and Margaret H. Claybour, Rock Creek Energy Group, LLP, 1 Thomas Circle NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20005, mclaybour@rockcreekenergygroup.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.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 18, 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 March 20, 2024.

Treana V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy.