

**Notice of Application and Directions on Procedure
Independent Electricity System Operator
Application to Export Electricity on an Emergency Basis to the United States**

By an application dated March 31, 2006, the Independent Electricity System Operator (the Applicant) has applied to the National Energy Board under Division II of Part VI of the *National Energy Board Act* for authorization to export on an emergency basis up to 4,000 megawatts of firm power and 5,184 gigawatt-hours per year of firm energy for a period of 10 years commencing on July 10, 2006. These emergency exports would be in accordance with the terms, or as amended, of interconnection agreements between the IESO (or its predecessors) and the New York ISO, the Midwest ISO, Minnesota Power (Allete Inc.) and Detroit Edison that were executed on May 2, 2002, July 1, 2004, July 31, 2002 and June 27, 2005, respectively.

The Board wishes to obtain the views of interested parties on this application before issuing a permit or recommending to the Governor in Council that a hearing be held. The Directions on Procedure that follow explain in detail in the procedure that will be used.

1. The Applicant shall deposit and keep on file, for public inspection during normal business hours, copies of the application at its offices located at (the Applicant's address/and include other communication numbers) and provide a copy of the application to any person who requests a copy. A copy of the application is also available for viewing during normal business hours in the Board's library, Room 1002, 444 Seventh Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0X8.
2. Submissions that any party wishes to present shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board, 444 Seventh Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0X8, facsimile: (403) 292-5503, and served on the Applicant by May 15, 2006.
3. Pursuant to Section 119.06(2) of the Act, the Board shall have regard to all considerations that appear to it to be relevant. In particular, the Board is interested in the views of submitters with respect to:
 - (a) the effect of the exportation of the electricity on provinces other than that from which the electricity is to be exported;
 - (b) the impact of the exportation on the environment; and
 - (c) whether the Applicant has:

- (i) informed those who have declared an interest in buying electricity for consumption in Canada of the quantities and classes of service available for sale, and
 - (ii) given an opportunity to purchase electricity on terms and conditions as favourable as the terms and conditions specified in the application to those who, within a reasonable time of being so informed, demonstrate an intention to buy electricity for consumption in Canada.
4. Any answer to submissions that the Applicant wishes to present in response to items 2 and 3 of this Notice of Application and Directions on Procedure shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board and served on the party that filed the submission by May 30, 2006.
5. For further information on the procedures governing the Board's examination, contact the Secretary at (403) 299-2714, facsimile: (403) 292-5503.
6. Submissions may be served on the Applicant at the following address:

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