DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2015 0091]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel BLUEWATER; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S.-build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2015–0091. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20550. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel BLUEWATER is:

* Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "Vessel will be used to carry passengers for diving trips."

* Geographic Region: "Michiganan."

* The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2015–0091 at http://www.regulations.gov. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in §388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Date: July 21, 2015.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. USCG–2015–0472]

Deepwater Port License Application: Delfin LNG LLC, Delfin LNG Deepwater Port

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of intent; notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD), in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) as part of the environmental review of the Delfin LNG LLC (Delfin LNG) deepwater port license application. The application proposes the ownership, construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of an offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port export facility that would be located in Federal waters within the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) West Cameron Area, West Addition Protraction Area (Gulf of Mexico), approximately 37.4 to 40.8 nautical miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, in water depths ranging from approximately 64 to 72 feet (19.5 to 21.9 meters). The deepwater port would consist of four semi-permanently moored floating liquefaction natural gas vessels (FLNGVs), and would reuse and repurpose two existing offshore natural gas pipelines: The former U–T Operating System (UTOS) pipeline and the High Island Operating System (HIOS) pipeline (see Summary of the Application for additional project specifics).

The onshore components of the proposed deepwater port would be located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana and would be reviewed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under a separate authorization process (see FERC Docket No. CP15–490–000; 80 FR 30226 (May 27, 2015)). The onshore facility would consist of reactivating approximately 1.1 miles of the existing UTOS pipeline; the addition of 74,000 horsepower of new compression and associated metering and regulation facilities; the installation of new supply header pipelines (which would consist of 0.25 miles of new 42-inch pipeline to connect the former UTOS line to the new meter station); and 0.6 miles of new twin 30-inch pipelines between Transco Station 44 and the new compressor station site. Publication of this Notice of Intent (NOI) begins a 30 day scoping process that will help identify and determine
the scope of environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. MARAD and the USCG will consider both the Delfin LNG deepwater port license application and the FERC application to be included in this review. For your convenience, we have included the Delfin LNG application to FERC under docket number USCG–2015–0472. This NOI requests public participation in the scoping process, provides information on how to participate and announces informational open houses and public meetings in Louisiana and Texas.

Pursuant to the criteria provided in the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. (the Act), both Louisiana and Texas are the Adjacent Coastal States for this application. Adjacent Coastal States for this Act), both Louisiana and Texas are the


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Meeting and Open House

We invite you to learn about the proposed deepwater port at any of the above informational open houses and to comment at any of the above public meetings on environmental issues related to the proposed deepwater port. Your comments will help us identify and refine the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Public scoping meetings will be held in Beaumont, Texas on August 19, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The second public meeting will be held in Beaumont, Texas on August 19, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Both public meetings will be preceded by an informational open house from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Each of the public meetings may end later than the stated time, depending on the number of persons wishing to speak. Additionally, materials submitted in response to this request for comments on the Delfin LNG deepwater port license application must reach the Federal Docket Management Facility as detailed below by August 28, 2015.

DATES: There will be two public scoping meetings held in connection with the application. The first public meeting will be held in Lake Charles, Louisiana on August 18, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The second public meeting will be held in Beaumont, Texas on August 19, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Both public meetings will be preceded by an informational open house from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In order to allow everyone a chance to speak at a public meeting, we may limit speaker time, extend the meeting hours or both. You must identify yourself, and any organization you represent, by name. Your remarks will be recorded or transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

You may submit written material at a public meeting, either in place of or in addition to speaking. Written material must include your name and address and will be included in the public docket.


Public comment submissions should include:

• Docket number USCG–2015–0472.
• Your name and address.
• Submit comments or material using only one of the following methods:
  • By mail to the Federal Docket Management Facility (USCG–2015–0472), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.
  • By personal delivery to the room and address listed above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
  • By fax to the Federal Docket Management Facility at 202–493–2251.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the FDMS Web site (http://www.regulations.gov) and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information to the docket makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy and Use Notice that is available on the FDMS Web site and the Department of Transportation Privacy Act Notice that appeared in the Federal Register on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), see Privacy Act. You may
view docket submissions at the Federal Docket Management Facility or electronically on the FDMS Web site.

Background

Information about deepwater ports, the statutes, and regulations governing their licensing, including the application review process, and the receipt of the current application for the proposed Delfin LNG deepwater port appears in the July 16, 2015 edition of the Federal Register. The “Summary of the Application” from that publication is reprinted below for your convenience.

Consideration of a deepwater port license application includes review of the proposed deepwater port’s impact on the natural and human environment. For the proposed deepwater port, USCG and MARAD are the co-lead Federal agencies for determining the scope of this review, and in this case, it has been determined that review must include preparation of an EIS. This NOI is required by 40 CFR 1501.7. It briefly describes the proposed action, possible alternatives and our proposed scoping process. You can address any questions about the proposed action, the scoping process or the EIS to the USCG project manager identified in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. You will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft EIS. USCG will consider those comments and then prepare the final EIS. As with the draft EIS, we will announce the availability of the final EIS, give you an opportunity for review and comment and include final public hearings as required by the Act.

Summary of the Application

Delfin LNG is proposing to construct, own, operate, and eventually decommission a deepwater port (referred to hereafter as the Delfin deepwater port) in the Gulf of Mexico to liquefy domestically-sourced natural gas for export to nations with which the United States has a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and with non-FTA nations. The proposed Delfin deepwater port has both onshore and offshore components. As previously described, the proposed Delfin deepwater port would be located in Federal waters within the OCS West Cameron Area, West Addition Protraction Area (Gulf of Mexico) approximately 37.4 to 40.8 nautical miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, in water depths ranging from approximately 64 to 72 feet (19.5 to 21.9 meters). The Delfin deepwater port would consist of four semi-permanently moored FLNGVs located as follows: #1 (29°8′13.1″ N./93°32′2.2″ W.), #2 (29°6′13.6″ N./93°32′42.4″ W.), #3 (29°6′40.7″ N./93°30′10.1″ W.), and #4 (29°4′40.9″ N./93°30′51.8″ W.) located in West Cameron (WC) lease blocks 319, 327, 328, and 334, respectively. Delfin LNG would reuse and repurpose two existing offshore natural gas pipelines, the former UTOS pipeline and the HIOS pipeline. Four new 30-inch diameter pipeline laterals, each approximately 6,400 feet in length, connecting the HIOS pipeline to each of the FLNGVs, would be constructed. In addition, a 700-foot 42-inch diameter new pipeline would be constructed to bypass a platform at WC lease block 167 (WC 167) and connect the UTOS and HIOS pipelines. Feed gas would be supplied through the new pipeline laterals to each of the FLNGVs where it would be super cooled to produce LNG. The LNG would be stored onboard the FLNGVs and transferred via ship-to-ship transfer to properly certified LNG trading carriers. Each of the FLNGVs would be semi-permanently moored to four new catenary mooring systems (TYMS).

The onshore components in Cameron Parish, Louisiana are described specifically in an application submitted to FERC. The onshore components of the Delfin deepwater port will consist of constructing and operating a new natural gas compressor station, gas supply header and a metering station at an existing gas facility (see the FERC Application referenced below). The proposal would require: (1) Reactivation of approximately 1.1 miles of existing 42-inch pipeline, formerly owned by UTOS, which runs from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company Station No. 44 (Transco Station 44) to the mean highwater mark along the Cameron Parish Coast; (2) installation of 74,000 horsepower of new compression; (3) construction of 0.25 miles of 42-inch pipeline to connect the former UTOS line to the new meter station; and (4) construction of 0.6 miles of twin 30-inch pipelines between Transco Station 44 and the new compressor station.

Onshore pipeline quality natural gas from the interstate grid would be sent to the existing, but currently idle, 42-inch UTOS pipeline. The gas transported through the UTOS pipeline would then bypass the existing manifold platform located at WC 167 via a newly installed pipeline segment, 700 feet in length, connecting to the existing 42-inch HIOS pipeline.

The bypass of the WC 167 platform would be trenched so that the top of the pipe is a minimum of 3 feet below the seafloor. From the bypass, the feed gas would then be transported further offshore using the HIOS pipeline portion leased by Delfin LNG between WC 167 and High Island A264. The existing UTOS and HIOS pipelines transect OCS Lease Blocks WC 314, 318, 319, 327, and 335, and would transport feed gas from onshore to offshore (one-directional flow). Delfin LNG proposes to install four new lateral pipelines along the HIOS pipeline, starting approximately 16.0 nautical miles south of the WC 167 platform. Each subsea lateral pipeline would be 30 inches
The FLNGVs would receive pipeline quality natural gas via the laterals and TYMS where it would be cooled sufficiently to completely condense the gas and produce LNG. The produced LNG would be stored in International Maritime Organization (IMO) type B, prismatic, independent LNG storage tanks aboard each of the FLNGVs. Each vessel would have a total LNG storage capacity of 165,000 cubic meters (m³).

An offloading mooring system would be provided on each FLNGV to moor an LNG trading carrier side-by-side for cargo transfer of LNG through loading arms or cryogenic hoses using ship-to-ship transfer procedures. LNG carriers would be moored with pilot and tug assist. The FLNGVs would be equipped with fenders and quick-release hooks to facilitate mooring operations. The offloading system would be capable of accommodating standard LNG trading carriers with nominal cargo capacities up to 170,000 m³. Delfin LNG estimates that the typical LNG cargo transfer operation would be carried out within 24 hours, including LNG trading carrier berthing, cargo transfer and sail-away. Approximately 31 LNG trading carriers are expected to visit each of the four FLNGVs per year for a total of up to 124 cargo transfer operations per year. Each LNG trading carrier would be assisted by up to three tugs during approach and mooring and up to two tugs while departing the Delfin deepwater port.

The FLNGVs would be self-propelled vessels and have the ability to disconnect from the TYMS and set sail to avoid hurricanes or to facilitate required inspections, maintenance and repairs.

In the nominal design case, each of the four FLNGVs would process approximately 330 million standard cubic feet per day (MMscfd), which would total 1.32 billion standard cubic feet per day (Bscf/d) of input feed gas for all four of the FLNGVs. Based on an estimated availability of 92 percent and allowance for consumption of feed gas during the liquefaction process, each FLNGV would produce approximately 97.5 billion standard cubic feet per year (Bscf/y) of gas (or approximately 2.0 million metric tonnes per annum [MMtpa]) for export in the form of LNG. Together, the four FLNGVs are designed to have the capability to export 390.1 Bscf/y of gas (or approximately 8.0 MMtpa) in the form of LNG.

As detailed engineering and equipment specification advances during the design process and operating efficiencies are gained post-commissioning, the liquefaction process could perform better than this nominal design case. It is therefore anticipated that LNG output, based on the high-side design case of 375 MMscfd of input feed gas, would be as much as approximately 110.8 Bscf/y of gas (or approximately 2.3 MMtpa) for each FLNGV. Taken together, the four FLNGVs would be capable of exporting the equivalent of 443.3 Bscf/y of natural gas in the form of LNG. Therefore, Delfin LNG is requesting authorization to construct and operate facilities capable of exporting up to 443.3 Bscf/y of natural gas in the form of LNG (which equates to approximately 9.2 MMtpa).

The proposed Delfin deepwater port would take a modular implementation approach to allow for early market entry and accommodate market shifts. Offshore construction activities are proposed to begin at the end of first quarter of 2018 and would be completed in four stages, with each stage corresponding to the commissioning and operation of an FLNGV. The anticipated commissioning of FLNGV 1 is the third quarter of 2019 with start-up of commercial operation of FLNGV 1 by the end of 2019. It is anticipated that FLNGVs 2 through 4 would be commissioned 12 months apart. Following this schedule and barring unforeseen events, the Delfin deepwater port would be completed and all four FLNGVs would be fully operational by the summer of 2022.

**FERC Application**

The onshore component and nearshore pipeline component of the proposed Delfin deepwater port falls under the jurisdiction of and is processed under a separate authorization by FERC. On May 8, 2015, Delfin LNG filed an application with FERC to construct and operate the onshore/nearshore components of the proposed deepwater port. This application was noticed on FERC’s Docket: No. CP15–490–000 on May 20, 2015, and in the *Federal Register* Vol. 80, No. 101/Wednesday, May 27, 2015/ Notices. The following is an excerpt from FERC’s *Federal Register* Notice:

> Take notice that on May 8, 2015 Delfin LNG LLC (Delfin LNG), 1100 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in Docket No. CP15–490–000, an Application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Commission’s Regulations under the Natural Gas Act and Parts 157 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) regulations requesting authorization to (1) reactivate approximately 1.1 miles of existing 42-inch pipeline formerly owned by U–T Offshore System (UTOS), which runs from Transco Continental Gas Pipeline Company Station No. 44 (Transco Station 44) to the mean highwater mark along the Cameron Parish Coast; (2) install 74,000 horsepower of new compression; (3) construct 0.25 miles of 42-inch pipeline to connect the former UTOS line to the new meter station; and (4) construct 0.6 miles of twin 36-inch pipelines between Transco Station 44 and the new compressor station in Cameron Parrish, Louisiana that comprise the onshore portion of Delfin LNG’s proposed deepwater port (DWP), an offshore liquefied natural gas facility located off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico, all as more fully set forth in the application, which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Additionally, Delfin LNG requests a blanket construction certificate under Part 17, Subpart F of the Commission’s regulations. This filing may be viewed on the Web at http://www.ferc.gov using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number (excluding the last three digits) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

> It is important to note that the onshore facilities will connect with the offshore deepwater port facilities which are subject to the jurisdiction of MARAD and USCG. As previously discussed, Delfin LNG proposes to lease a segment of pipeline from HIOS that extends from the terminus of the UTOS pipeline offshore. Delfin LNG states in its application that HIOS will submit a separate application with FERC seeking authorization to abandon by lease its facilities to Delfin LNG. Because the review of the deepwater port proposal is the jurisdiction of MARAD and USCG, FERC has acknowledged receipt of the Delfin LNG application, provided under Docket No. CP15–490–000 on May 8, 2015; however, FERC will not begin processing the Delfin LNG application until such time that HIOS submits an abandonment application to FERC for review and processing. Accordingly, although the USCG and MARAD will commence review and processing of the Delfin deepwater port license application, upon the publication of this Notice of Intent, MARAD and USCG will not publish the draft EIS until FERC has received an application for abandonment of the HIOS pipeline and has begun to process Delfin’s application for the construction and operation of the onshore components of the proposed deepwater port.

**Privacy Act**

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by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). The Department of Transportation Privacy Act Statement can be viewed in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70, pages 19477–78) or by visiting http://www.regulations.gov.

(Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1501, et seq., 49 CFR 1.93(h)).

Dated: July 24, 2015.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,
Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCIES: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), Treasury; Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Joint notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the OCC, the Board, and the FDIC (collectively, the agencies) may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), of which the agencies are members, has approved the agencies’ publication for public comment of a proposal to extend, with revision, the Foreign Branch Report of Condition (FFIEC 030 and FFIEC 030S), which is a currently approved information collection for each agency. The proposed changes would be effective for the FFIEC 030 and FFIEC 030S reports as of the December 31, 2015, report date. At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the FFIEC and the agencies should modify the proposed revisions prior to giving final approval. The agencies will then submit the revisions to OMB for review and approval.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to any or all of the agencies. All comments, which should refer to the OMB control number, will be shared among the agencies.

OCC: Because paper mail in the Washington, DC, area and at the OCC is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by email, if possible. Comments may be sent to: Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Attention: 1557–0099, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 3E–218, Mail Stop 9W–11, Washington, DC 20219. In addition, comments may be sent by fax to (571) 465–4326 or by electronic mail to prainfo@occ.treas.gov. You may personally inspect and photocopy comments at the OCC, 400 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20219. For security reasons, the OCC requires that visitors make an appointment to inspect comments. You may do so by calling (202) 649–6700. Upon arrival, visitors will be required to present valid government-issued photo identification and submit to security screening in order to inspect and photocopy comments.

All comments received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

Board: You may submit comments, identified by FFIEC 030 or FFIEC 030S, by any of the following methods:


• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: comments@FDIC.gov. Include “FFIEC 030 and FFIEC 030S” in the subject line of the message.

• Mail: Gary A. Kuiper, Counsel, Attn: Comments, Room MB–3074, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20429.

• Hand Delivery: Comments may be hand delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 550 17th Street Building (located on F Street) on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Public Inspection: All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.fdic.gov/regulations/laws/federal/proposal.html including any personal information provided.

Comments may be inspected at the FDIC Public Information Center, Room E–1002, 3501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22226, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days.

Additionally, commenters may send a copy of their comments to the OMB desk officer for the agencies by mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by fax to (202) 395–6974; or by email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about the revisions discussed in this notice, please contact any of the agency clearance officers whose names appear below. In addition, copies of the report forms can be obtained at the FFIEC’s Web site (http://www.ffiec.gov/ffiec_report_forms.htm).

All public comments are available from the Board’s Web site at www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP–500 of the Board’s Martin Building (20th and C Streets NW.) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

FDIC: You may submit comments, which should refer to “Foreign Branch Report of Condition, 3064–0011,” by any of the following methods:


• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: comments@FDIC.gov. Include “FFIEC 030 and FFIEC 030S” in the subject line of the message.

• Mail: Robert DeV. Frierson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20551.