DATES: Written comments regarding the scope of the feasibility study and SDEIS should be received by the Corps on or before September 25, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this feasibility study and SDEIS to Mr. Tyler Stalker, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: Public Affairs Office (CESPK–PAO), 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or telephone at (916) 557–5107. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mario Parker, email at mario.g.parker@usace.army.mil, telephone (916) 557–6701, or fax (916) 557–7856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Proposed Action. The Corps in cooperation with the non-Federal sponsors (The Central Valley Flood Protection Board and the City of Woodland) is conducting a cost-shared feasibility study on alternative flood risk reduction measures to the city of Woodland, Yolo County, CA, adjacent unincorporated areas, and agricultural lands. The study is authorized by section 209 of the Flood Control Act of 1962 (Pub. L. 87–874). A reconnaissance study of flooding problems in the westside tributaries, including Putah and Cache Creeks, and the Yolo Bypass was conducted in 1993–1994 under the authorization of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1993. Recommendations from the reconnaissance study resulted in the pursuit of the present feasibility study.

2. Alternatives. The feasibility study’s SDEIS will evaluate a combination of one or more flood control measures including setback levee along Cache Creek, stream channel improvements, a north Woodland floodway, a northern bypass into the Colusa Drain, and a no-action alternative. Mitigation measures for any significant adverse effects on environmental resources will be identified and incorporated into the alternatives in compliance with various Federal and State statutes.


a. A public scoping meeting will be held on September 3, 2015, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Woodland Community Center at 2001 East Street in Woodland, CA. An overview of the study and the NEPA process will be presented, and an opportunity will be afforded to all interested parties to provide comments regarding the scope of the SDEIS analysis as well as potential alternatives.

b. The study plan provides for public scoping, meetings, and comment. The Corps has initiated a process of involving concerned Federal, State, and local agencies and individuals. The City of Woodland has held periodic public meetings to discuss issues and solicit public comment. Also, an initial public scoping meeting was held by the Corps on May 30, 2000. Comments received focused on flooding along Cache Creek, land subsidence, gravel mining, and effects of alternatives on the Cache Creek Settling Basin. In addition, comments received on the draft EIS submitted for review on March 21, 2003 are also being considered in the SDEIS.

c. Issues that will be analyzed in depth in the SDEIS include effects on vegetation and wildlife, special-status species, water quality, air quality, socio-economic conditions, and cultural resources. Other issues may include geology, soils, topography, noise, aesthetics, climate and recreation. Also to be considered is the city ordinance adopted by the City of Woodland restricting any flood solution that would similarly produce deep floodplains north of the city (City Code Section 10.1, Flood Control Policy).

d. The Corps will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with the Endangered Species and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Acts. The Corps will also consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act and coordinate with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to establish consultation requirements with tribes having trust assets and tribal interests that could be affected by the feasibility study’s outcome.

e. A 45-day review period will be allowed for all interested agencies and individuals to review and comment on the draft FR/SDEIS. All interested persons are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be contacted about the draft FR/SDEIS.

4. Availability. The FR/SDEIS is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in May 2016.

Brenda S. Bowen,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
[FE Docket No. 15–97–LNG]

Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC; Application for Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations for a 20-Year Period

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (DOE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application), filed on June 1, 2015, by Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (CCL), requesting long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to approximately 514 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas (1.41 Bcf per day). CCL seeks to export the LNG by vessel from its natural gas liquefaction project, which is currently under construction in San Patricio and Nueces Counties, Texas (the Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project, or CCL Project). CCL and/or its affiliate, Cheniere Marketing, LLC, already have received authorizations from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and DOE/FE, respectively, to construct and develop three liquefaction trains (Trains 1, 2, and 3) to liquefy natural gas at the CCL Project for export to foreign markets. In this Application, CCL seeks authorization from DOE/FE to export an additional volume of domestically produced LNG from two new liquefaction trains—Trains 4 and 5, which are part of a proposed expansion of the CCL Project (Stage 3 Project). CCL requests authorization to export this LNG to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries).

1 See, e.g., App. at 2 n.5; Cheniere Marketing, LLC & Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC; DOE/FE Order No. 3638, FE Docket No. 12–97–LNG, Final Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project to be Located in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (May 12, 2015); Cheniere Marketing, LLC; DOE/FE/Order No. 3164, FE Docket No. 12–97– LNG, Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Oct. 16, 2012).

2 App. at 3.

In the Application, CCL also requests authorization to export the same volume of LNG from the CCL Project to any nation that currently
CCL requests the authorization for a 20-year term to commence on the earlier of the date of first export or eight years from the date the requested authorization is granted. CCL seeks to export this LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities who will hold title to the LNG at the time of export.

The Application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Additional details can be found in CCL’s Application, posted on the DOE/FE Web site at: http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/07/f24/15_97_lng_nfta.pdf. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DATES:

Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, October 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by Email

fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Regular Mail


Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.)


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


DOE/FE Evaluation

The Application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(a), and DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. To the extent determined to be relevant, these issues will include the domestic need for the natural gas proposed to be exported, the adequacy of domestic natural gas supply, U.S. energy security, and the cumulative impact of the requested authorization and any other LNG export application(s) previously approved on domestic natural gas supply and demand fundamentals. DOE may also consider other factors bearing on the public interest, including the impact of the proposed exports on the U.S. economy (including GDP, consumers, and industry), job creation, the U.S. balance of trade, and international considerations; and whether the authorization is consistent with DOE’s policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014); and

Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Application.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

Public Comment Procedures

In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Due to the complexity of the issues raised by the Applicant, interested persons will be provided 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to fergus@hq.doe.gov, with FE Docket No. 15–97–LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in ADDRESSES; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Supply at the address listed in ADDRESSES. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 15–97–LNG. Please Note: If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow the use guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties’ written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Application is available for inspection and copying in the Division of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities docket room, Room 3E–042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. The docket...
room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 20, 2015.

John A. Anderson,
Director, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 15–63–LNG]

Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC; Application for Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations for a 20-Year Period

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application), filed on April 20, 2015, by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (SPL), requesting long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to approximately 203 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas (0.56 Bcf per day). SPL seeks to export the LNG by vessel from Trains 1 through 4 of the Sabine Pass Liquefaction Project (Liquefaction Project), which SPL and its affiliate, Sabine Pass LNG, L.P., are currently constructing at the existing Sabine Pass LNG Terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. SPL requests authorization to export this LNG to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries). DOE/FE notes that the requested export volume (203 Bcf/yr) is incremental and therefore additive to the volumes of LNG previously authorized for export from the Liquefaction Project to non-FTA countries. Specifically, SPL states that the grant of this Application will align the volumes of LNG authorized for export to non-FTA countries with the maximum liquefaction production capacity of the Liquefaction Project, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. SPL requests the authorization for a 20-year term to commence on the date of first commercial export from the Liquefaction Project. SPL seeks to export this LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities who will hold title to the LNG at the time of export. The Application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Additional details can be found in SPL’s Application, posted on the DOE/FE Web site at: http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/05/f22/15_63_lng.pdf

Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, October 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Electronic Filing by Email fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Regular Mail


1 SPL states that the requested authorization would require no new construction or modification of authorized facilities. App. at 2 n.4.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DOE/FE Evaluation

The Application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(a), and DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. To the extent determined to be relevant, these issues will include the domestic need for the natural gas proposed to be exported, the adequacy of domestic natural gas supply, U.S. energy security, and the cumulative impact of the requested authorization and any other LNG export application(s) previously approved on domestic natural gas supply and demand fundamentals. DOE may also consider other factors bearing on the public interest, including the impact of the proposed exports on the U.S. economy (including GDP, consumers, and industry), job creation, the U.S. balance of trade, and international considerations; and whether the authorization is consistent with DOE’s policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

• Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014); and