DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Power Transformer Reserve


ACTION: Request for Information; re-opening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 9, 2015, the Department of Energy (DOE) published in the Federal Register a Request for Information (RFI) regarding the policy development related to the possible establishment of a national reserve of power transformers that support the bulk power grid and requested public comment by August 24, 2015. DOE is re-opening the original public comment period for this RFI.

DATES: The comment period for the RFI published July 9, 2015 is re-opened. Written comments must be received on or before October 7, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments can be submitted by any of the following methods and must be identified by "Transformer Reserve". By the Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. By email: LPT.RFI.2015@hq.doe.gov, and include “Transformer Reserve” in the subject line of the message. By mail: Alice Lippert, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 1E–078, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. Note: Delivery of the U.S. Postal Service mail to DOE may be delayed by several weeks due to security screening. DOE, therefore, encourages those wishing to comment to submit comments electronically by email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Alice Lippert, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U. S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585 at Alice.Lippert@hq.doe.gov, or by email: LPT.RFI.2015@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 9, 2015, the DOE published a request for information in the Federal Register (80 FR 39422). DOE is seeking comments and information from interested parties to inform its policy development related to the possible establishment of a national reserve of power transformers that support the bulk power grid. The focus of the RFI is on the design and implementation of a National Power Transformer Reserve Program.

The July 9 notice requested comments and information from interested parties to inform its policy development related to the possible establishment of a national reserve of power transformers that support the bulk power grid by August 24, 2015. DOE is re-opening the comment period to allow additional time for more substantive comment on the significant questions to which DOE is seeking response.

DOE believes that re-opening the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to submit comments is appropriate. Therefore, DOE is re-opening the comment period to provide interested parties additional time to prepare and submit comments and will consider any comments received by the new closing date. All comments received between the original August 24 closing date and the new closing date are considered timely filed, so people who submitted late comments during the original comment period do not need to re-submit comments.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 18, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 15–130–LNG]

ConocoPhillips Company; Application for Blanket Authorization To Export Previously Imported Liquefied Natural Gas on a Short-Term Basis

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 August 27, 2015, by ConocoPhillips Company (ConocoPhillips), requesting blanket authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) previously imported into the United States from foreign sources in an amount up to the equivalent of 500 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas on a short-term or spot market basis for a two-year period commencing on January 1, 2016. ConocoPhillips seeks authorization to export the LNG from the LNG terminal facilities owned by Freeport LNG Development, L.P. located on Quintana Island, Texas, to any country with the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. ConocoPhillips states that it does not seek authorization to export any domestically produced natural gas or LNG. DOE/FE notes that ConocoPhillips currently holds a blanket authorization to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, and to export LNG to Canada and Mexico by vessel, in an amount up to the equivalent of 500 Bcf of natural gas. ConocoPhillips is requesting this authorization both on its own behalf and as agent for other parties 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 ConocoPhillips’s Application, posted on the DOE/FE Web site at: http://energy.gov/fe/downloads/freeport-lng-development-lp-fe-dkt-no-15-130-lng. 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 23, 2015.

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Regular Mail
U.S. Department of Energy (FE–34), Office of Oil and Gas Global Security