

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford****AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES:

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 7, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Heeter, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Richland Operations Office, P.O. Box 550, H5–20, Richland, WA 99352; Phone: (509) 373–1970; or Email: mark.heeter@rl.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- Potential Draft Advice
 - Remediation of 100–B/C Areas
- Discussion Topics
 - Tri-Party Agreement Agencies' Updates
 - Draft Letter to the Department on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
 - Hanford Advisory Board Proposed Work Plan for 2019
 - Hanford Advisory Board Committee Reports
 - Board Business

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Mark Heeter at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mark Heeter at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable

provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Mark Heeter's office at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab/FullBoardMeetingInformation>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 18, 2018.

Latanya Butler,*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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BILLING CODE 6450–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge****AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Department of Energy Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melyssa P. Noe, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM), P.O. Box 2001, EM–942, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 241–3315; Fax (865) 241–6932; Email: Melyssa.Noel@orem.doe.gov. Or visit the website at <https://energy.gov/orem/services/community-engagement/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- Welcome and Announcements

- Comments from the Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO)
- Comments from the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and Environmental Protection Agency Liaisons
- Public Comment Period
- Presentation: Mercury Treatment
- Motions/Approval of April 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- Status of Outstanding Recommendations
- Alternate DDFO Report
- Committee Reports
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Melyssa P. Noe at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Melyssa P. Noe at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://energy.gov/orem/listings/oak-ridge-site-specific-advisory-board-meetings>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on May 17, 2018.

Latanya Butler,*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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BILLING CODE 6450–01–P**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****[FE Docket No. 18–26–LNG]**

Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC; Application for Long-Term Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations

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 March 6, 2018, by Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC (collectively, FLEX4). The Application requests long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 262.8 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (0.72 Bcf per day) of natural gas. FLEX4 seeks to export this LNG from the proposed Train 4 Project, to be constructed at the Freeport LNG Terminal on Quintana Island near Freeport, Texas. FLEX4 states that its affiliates (Freeport LNG Development, L.P., FLNG Liquefaction, LLC, FLNG Liquefaction 2, LLC, and FLNG Liquefaction 3, LLC) are currently constructing a liquefaction and export facility at the Terminal with three previously-authorized liquefaction trains. FLEX4 requests authorization to export the LNG to any country with which the United States has not entered into 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). FLEX4 seeks to export this LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities who hold title to the natural gas at the time of export. FLEX4 requests the authorization for a 20-year term to commence on the earlier of the date of first commercial export from the Train 4 Project, or seven years from the issuance of the requested authorization. FLEX4 filed the Application under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Additional details can be found in FLEX4's Application, posted on the DOE/FE website at: https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/04/f50/18-26-LNG_T4_0.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, July 23, 2018.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by email: fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Regular Mail: U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, DC 20026-4375.

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

Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kyle W. Moorman or Larine Moore; U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7970; (202) 586-9478.

Cassandra Bernstein or Ronald (R.J.) Colwell, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9793; (202) 586-8499.

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. In reviewing this Application, DOE will consider domestic need for the natural gas, as well as any other issues determined to be appropriate, including whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE's policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. As part of this analysis, DOE will consider the following two studies examining the cumulative impacts of exporting domestically produced LNG:

- *Effect of Increased Levels of Liquefied Natural Gas on U.S. Energy Markets*, conducted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration upon DOE's request (2014 EIA LNG Export Study);¹ and

- *The Macroeconomic Impact of Increasing U.S. LNG Exports*, conducted jointly by the Center for Energy Studies at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy and Oxford Economics, on behalf of DOE (2015 LNG Export Study).²

Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- *Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports*

¹ The 2014 EIA LNG Export Study, published on Oct. 29, 2014, is available at: <https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/fe/>.

² The 2015 LNG Export Study, dated Oct. 29, 2015, is available at: http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113_macro_impact_of_lng_exports_0.pdf.

of Natural Gas From the United States, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014);³ and

- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States*, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014).⁴

Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues and documents 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. Interested parties 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 fergas@hq.doe.gov, with FE Docket No. 18-26-LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 18-26-LNG. **Please Note:** If submitting a filing via email, please include all

³ The Addendum and related documents are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/Addendum.pdf>.

⁴ The Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/life-cycle-greenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefied-natural-gas-united-states>.

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 these 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 Office of Regulation and International Engagement 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 May 16, 2018.

Amy Sweeney,

Director, Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR17-19-000; Docket No. OR17-11-000]

West Texas LPG Pipeline Limited Partnership; Wood River Pipe Lines LLC; Notice of Designation of Commission Staff as Non-Decisional

With respect to the proceedings pending before the Commission in the

above-captioned dockets, Dr. Emma Nicholson from the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation is designated as non-decisional in deliberations by the Commission in these dockets. Accordingly, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.2202 (2017), as non-decisional staff, Dr. Nicholson will not participate in an advisory capacity in the Commission's review of any future filings in the above-referenced dockets, including offers of settlement or settlement agreements. Likewise, pursuant to 18 CFR 385.2201 (2017), Dr. Nicholson is prohibited from communicating with advisory staff concerning any deliberations in these dockets.

Dated: May 16, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. D118-3-000]

Notice Denying Late Intervention; Renewable Energy Aggregators Inc.

On March 29, 2018, the Commission issued public notice of Merchant Hydro Developers LLC's¹ Declaration of Intention concerning the proposed Vandling Drift Reclamation Pump Storage Project, to be located near the City of Vandling in Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The notice established April 30, 2018, as the deadline to file motions to intervene.² On May 14, 2018, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (Delaware Riverkeeper) filed an out-of-time motion to intervene.

In determining whether to grant a late motion to intervene, the Commission may consider such factors as whether the movant had good cause for filing late; whether the movant's interest is adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding; and whether granting the intervention might result in disruption to the proceeding or prejudice to other parties.³ Movants for

¹ On May 10, 2018, Merchant Hydro Developers, LLC notified the Commission that it had changed its name to Renewable Energy Aggregators Inc.

² The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that, if a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, holiday, or other day when the Commission is not open for business, the filing deadline does not end until the close of business on the next business day. 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2) (2017). The filing deadline was 30 days from issuance of the notice (i.e., April 28, 2018), which fell on a Saturday, thus the filing deadline was the close of business on Monday, April 30, 2018.

³ *Id.* 385.214(d).

late intervention must, among other things, demonstrate good cause why the time limit should be waived.⁴

Here, Delaware Riverkeeper failed to demonstrate that good cause exists to grant its motion to intervene out of time. In its motion, Delaware Riverkeeper provides no explanation as to why it was unable to intervene in a timely manner or why good cause exists to waive the time limit. Therefore, Delaware Riverkeeper's motion to intervene is denied.

This notice constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing of this notice must be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this notice, pursuant to section 313(a) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 825/(a) (2012), and Rule 713 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.713 (2017).

Dated: May 16, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD18-13-000]

Notice of Availability of the New Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects: Chapter 12—Water Conveyance and Request for Comments

The staff of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) have drafted its initial version of "Chapter 12—Water Conveyance" of its *Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects*. Comments are now requested on the draft document from federal and state agencies, licensees whose infrastructure portfolio includes penstocks, canals, flumes and tunnel to convey water, independent consultants and inspectors, and other interested parties with special expertise with respect dam safety. A 60-day public comment period is allotted to collect comments. Please note that this comment period will close on July 16, 2018.

Interested parties can help us determine the appropriate updates and improvements by providing: Meaningful comments or suggestions that focus on the specific sections requiring clarification; updates to reflect current laws and regulations; or improved

⁴ *Id.* 385.214(b)(3).