

I. Who should be considered for nomination as ASFAC members?

The Secretary seeks nominations for immediate consideration to fill nine positions on the ASFAC for the upcoming 2026–2028 Charter term and will continue to accept nominations under this notice on an ongoing basis for two years for consideration to fill vacancies that may arise during the charter term. Members of the following stakeholder groups will be selected in accordance with applicable Agency guidelines based on their ability to advise the Secretary on Arctic transportation issues:

A. Three Alaska Native Tribal members;

B. One individual representing Alaska Native subsistence co-management groups affected by Arctic maritime transportation;

C. One individual representing coastal communities affected by Arctic maritime transportation;

D. One individual representing vessels of the United States (46 U.S.C. 116) participating in the shipping industry;

E. One individual representing the marine safety community;

F. One individual representing the Arctic business community; and

G. One individual representing maritime labor organizations.

All appointments made under this Notice of Solicitation for Membership will serve for two-year terms and will not be eligible for more than two consecutive term appointments. Members will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGE) or Representative members, as appropriate. In general, SGEs are experts in their field who provide Federal advisory committees with their own best independent judgment based on their individual expertise. Representatives are members selected to represent a specific point of view held by a particular group, organization, or association.

Registered lobbyists are prohibited from serving on Federal Advisory Committees in their individual capacities. The prohibition does not apply if registered lobbyists are specifically appointed to represent the interests of a non-governmental entity, a recognizable group of persons, or nongovernmental entities (an industry sector, labor unions, environmental groups, etc.) or State or local governments.

II. Do ASFAC members receive compensation and/or per diem?

Committee members will not receive a salary for participating in ASFAC

activities. The advisory committee will meet at least once annually in Alaska; all other meetings will be held virtually (or in a hybrid forum that does not require additional use of Federal funds) unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Secretary. While attending meetings or when otherwise engaged in Committee business, members may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as permitted under applicable Federal travel regulations. Reimbursement is subject to funding availability.

III. What is the process for submitting nominations?

Interested applicants should apply or self-apply or be nominated by any organization or individual. To be considered for the ASFAC, nominators should submit the following information:

A. Contact information for the nominee, consisting of:

1. Name;
2. Title;
3. Organization or Affiliation;
4. Address;
5. City, State, Zip Code;
6. Telephone number; and
7. Email address.

B. A statement of interest limited to 250 words on why the nominee wants to serve on the ASFAC, which membership category they wish to represent, and how they fit within that category to represent its stakeholders effectively. Cover letter content suggestions include, but are not limited to: your area(s) of expertise concerning Arctic shipping and/or Arctic seaway development; your familiarity or experience with the Arctic region or the marine transportation system generally; what you would bring to ASFAC as a representative of a community noted in the membership category list; leadership or professional experiences which you believe will contribute to the effectiveness of ASFAC; and the scope of your knowledge of stakeholders, users, or other groups with Arctic marine transportation system equities whose views and input you believe you can share with the panel;

C. A resumé or curriculum vitae limited to three pages, describing professional and academic expertise, experience, and knowledge, including any relevant experience serving on advisory committees;

D. An affirmative statement that the nominee is not a federally registered lobbyist seeking to serve on the ASFAC in their individual capacity, along with the identity of the interest or stakeholder group they would represent if appointed;

E. A brief statement confirming whether you would like your nomination package to remain in the application pool for future vacancies if not selected; and

F. Optional letters of support.

Please do not send company, trade association, organizational brochures, or any other promotional information. Materials submitted should total eight pages or less and must be in a 12-point font, formatted in Microsoft Word or PDF. Should more information be needed, departmental staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliation, or obtain information from publicly available sources.

If you are interested in applying to become a member of the ASFAC, send a completed application package by email or mail as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section listed above.

IV. How will ASFAC members be selected?

Members will be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation. A selection team comprising Federal agency representatives will review the application packages. The selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Secretary based on the following criteria: (1) professional or academic expertise, experience, and knowledge; (2) stakeholder representation; (3) availability and willingness to serve; and (4) relevant experience in working in committees and advisory panels. Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b; 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10; 49 U.S.C. 303a note; 41 CFR part 102–3; 49 CFR 1.93(a).)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0096]

Deepwater Port License Application: ST LNG Deepwater Port Development Project—Final Public Hearing

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of final public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces the final public hearing for the ST LNG Deepwater Port Development Project (ST LNG) Deepwater Port license application for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the United States to nations abroad. The ST LNG Deepwater Port license application describes a project located approximately 10.4 nautical miles (19.2 kilometers) offshore Matagorda, Texas. When fully realized, the project would involve four 2.1 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) liquefaction systems installed in the Brazos Outer Continental Shelf Lease Block 476 (BA-476), in approximately 65 to 72 feet of water. MARAD encourages public participation during the final public hearing and is providing information on how to participate at the final public hearing.

DATES: MARAD will hold a final public hearing in connection with the ST LNG Application. It will be held on August 12, 2026, at the Bay City Civic Center, 201 7th Street, Bay City, Texas 77414, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). The final public hearing will be preceded by an informational open house from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CDT. The public hearing may end later than the stated time, depending on the number of persons who wish to make a comment on the record.

ADDRESSES: The final public hearing will be held on August 12, 2026, at the Bay City Civic Center, 201 7th Street, Bay City, Texas 77414.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brian Barton, Maritime Administration, telephone 202-366-0302, email: Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Final Public Hearing

MARAD encourages the public to attend the informational open house and public hearing for the ST LNG Deepwater Port license application. Speakers at the public hearing will be recognized in the following order: elected officials, public agencies, individuals, or groups in the sign-up order, and then anyone else who wishes to speak.

In order to allow everyone a chance to speak at the public hearing, MARAD may limit speaker time, extend the hearing hours, or both. Speakers must identify themselves, and any organization they represent, by name. All remarks will be recorded and transcribed for inclusion in the public docket.

Commenters may submit written material at the hearing either in place of,

or in addition to, speaking. Written material should include the commenter's name and address and will be included in the public docket and made available to the public on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at www.regulations.gov.

If you plan to participate in the public hearing and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language translator services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify MARAD (*see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least seven business days in advance of the public hearing. Include your contact information as well as information about your specific needs.

Comments During the Hearing

MARAD encourages comments on the proposed ST LNG Deepwater Port license application, verbally or in writing during the final public hearing. Comments may be used to inform MARAD's Record of Decision for the ST LNG Deepwater Port license application. MARAD encourages participants to review the applicant's information online on the FDMS website at www.regulations.gov under DOT Docket Number MARAD-2025-0096. The application, all comments, and associated documentation will be found on the docket.

Privacy Act: Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into the FDMS by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).

Summary of the Application

The application proposes the ownership, construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of the ST LNG deepwater port terminal to be located approximately 10.4 nautical miles (19.2 kilometers) offshore Matagorda, Texas. When fully realized, the project would involve four 2.1 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) liquefaction systems installed in the Brazos Outer Continental Shelf Lease Block 476 (BA-476), in approximately 65 to 72 feet of water. The proposed ST LNG deepwater port would export LNG up to 8.4 MTPA.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

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Deepwater Port License Application: ST LNG Deepwater Port Development Project—Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability; final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the ST LNG Deepwater Port Development Project (ST LNG) Deepwater Port license application for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the United States to Free-Trade Agreement (FTA) and non-FTA countries. The ST LNG Deepwater Port license application describes a project located approximately 10.4 nautical miles (19.2 kilometers) offshore Matagorda, Texas, in approximately 65 to 72 feet of water. The FEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and reasonable alternatives, including the no action alternative. The FEIS will inform MARAD's decision to approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the ST LNG Deepwater Port license application.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS and detailed information about the Project can be found on the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website at <https://www.regulations.gov> under DOT Docket Number MARAD-2025-0096.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brian S. Barton, Maritime Administration, telephone 202-366-0302, email: Deepwater.Ports@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action

ST LNG, LLC (Applicant) proposes the ownership, construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of the ST LNG deepwater port terminal capable of exporting LNG up to 8.4 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). LNG would be loaded onto standard LNG carriers with cargo capacities between 125,000 and 180,000 cubic meters (m3) (average expected size is 146,000 m3) for the export of LNG, including to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and non-FTA nations.

A Notice of Application that summarized the ST LNG Deepwater Port License Application was published in the **Federal Register** for public comment