

locations for new Community Outreach Offices?

While the Office welcomes and values all comments from the public in response to this request, the comments submitted do not commit the Office to any further actions related to the comments, and the Office may not respond to any or every submitted comment. The Office nonetheless will consider all written submissions.

Any and all decisions made regarding the future locations of the COOs will be consistent with the criteria outlined in the UAIA and the goals and mission of the USPTO.

John A. Squires,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2026-0364; OMB Control Number 0704-0332]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), DoD Mentor-Protégé Program

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System; Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of DoD's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use under Control Number 0704-0332 through November 30, 2026.

DoD proposes that OMB approve an extension of the information collection requirement, to expire three years after the approval date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by October 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0332, using either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0332 in the subject line of the message.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Dishaw, at 703-509-3255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Appendix I, Mentor-Protégé Program; OMB Control Number 0704-0332.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Number of Respondents: 96.

Responses per Respondent: 1.9, approximately.

Annual Responses: 180.

Average Burden per Response: 2.33 hours, approximately.

Annual Burden Hours: 420.

Needs and Uses: Section 831 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1991 (Pub. L. 101-510) required DoD to establish the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program. Section 856 of the NDAA for FY 2023 transferred section 831 of the NDAA for FY 1991 to 10 U.S.C. 4902 and authorized the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program (the "Program") on a permanent basis. Congress requires DoD to collect certain information from program participants in section 861, paragraph (b)(2), of Public Law 114-92. Thus, the need for this information collection is to comply with existing laws.

DoD has incorporated these information collection requirements into the DFARS in Appendix I, section I-112. Program participants agree to comply with these information collection requirements when they execute their mentor-protégé agreements, receiving the program's benefits in consideration.

This information is necessary to ensure that participants are fulfilling

their obligations under the mentor-protégé agreements and furthering the purpose of the Mentor-Protégé Program as required by section 18(d)(7) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(7)). In accordance with 10 U.S.C. 4902, DoD uses the information to decide whether to approve continuation of the agreement. In addition, the information is necessary for program managers to direct developmental assistance to the most appropriate small business concerns and to ensure the program meets the Congressionally-mandated goal of enhancing the defense industrial base.

Kimberly R. Ziegler,

Editor/Publisher, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP26-530-000; CP26-533-000]

Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC, Venture Global CP Express, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed CP2 LNG Expansion Project, and Notice of Public Scoping Sessions

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental effects of the CP2 LNG Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC and Venture Global CP Express, LLC (Applicants) in Cameron Parish, Louisiana and Jasper County, Texas. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental effects that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of an authorization. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis

in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 11, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written or oral form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental effects. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written and oral comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of these dockets on May 26, 2026, you will need to file those comments in Docket Nos. CP26–530–000 and CP26–533–000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company for facilities constructed under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

The Applicants provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

Public Participation

There are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is also on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”;

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket numbers (CP26–530–000 and CP26–533–000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(4) In lieu of sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend one of the public scoping sessions its staff will conduct in the project area, scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
August 25, 2026, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT).	Cameron Parish Police Jury, Multi-Purpose Building, 122 Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana 70631, 337–775–2617.
August 26, 2026, 4:30–6:30 p.m. CDT.	Buna Bridle Club Event Center, 520 County Road 726, Buna, Texas 77612, 409–291–1640.

The primary goal of these scoping sessions is to have you identify the specific environmental issues and concerns that should be considered in the environmental document. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter. This format is designed to receive the maximum amount of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted.

Each scoping session is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). You may arrive at any time after 4:30 p.m. There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff when the session opens. If you wish to speak, the Commission staff will hand out numbers in the order of your arrival. Comments will be taken until 6:30 p.m. However, if no additional numbers have been handed out and all individuals who wish to provide comments have had an opportunity to do so, staff may conclude the session at 6:00 p.m. Please see appendix 1 for additional information on the session format and conduct.¹

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in themail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called “eLibrary.” For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. For assistance, contact FERC at

Your oral comments will be recorded by a court reporter (with FERC staff or representative present) and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC's eLibrary system (see the last page of this notice for instructions on using eLibrary). If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments in the one-on-one settings, a time limit of 5 minutes may be implemented for each commentor. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the scoping session to answer your questions about the environmental review process. The Applicants' representatives will also be present to answer project-specific questions.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided orally at a scoping session.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Summary of the Proposed Project

The Project would increase the transportation capacity of the CP Express Pipeline System by approximately 1,900,000 dekatherms per day and increase the maximum peak liquefaction capacity by 11.7 million metric tonnes per annum. According to the Applicants, the Project would expand liquefied natural gas (LNG) production at the approved CP2 LNG Terminal Facilities where domestically produced natural gas is converted to LNG for storage and export to overseas markets.

The CP2 LNG Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities at the CP2 LNG Terminal and Marine Facilities in Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

- six liquefaction blocks, each with two single mixed refrigerant process units and ancillary support facilities;
- a 720-megawatt power plant, with five gas turbines, five heat recovery steam generators, and two steam generators;
- three gas pre-treatment facilities;
- two nitrogen removal units and three LNG expanders to remove excess nitrogen that may be present in the feed gas;
- three thermal oxidizers;
- five boil off gas compressors;
- additional utilities and safety systems; and
- one additional LNG loading dock (Berth 3) within the approved footprint of the existing, approved Marine Facilities on Monkey Island.

The following facilities would be constructed along the CP Express Pipeline in Jasper County, Texas:

- a new 227,000-horsepower greenfield compressor station (Silsbee Compressor Station); and
- two 1,000-foot-long, 48-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline laterals to provide suction and discharge to connect the compressor station to the existing, approved CP Express Pipeline.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 2.

Land Requirements for Construction

The proposed Terminal Site Expansion would disturb about 69.2 acres during construction and operation. The proposed Marine Facilities Expansion would disturb about 20.4 acres during construction and 3.4 acres during operation. Construction and operation of the Terminal Site and Marine Facilities Expansion would occur within the previously authorized footprint of the Terminal and Marine Facilities. Construction of the proposed Silsbee Compressor Station and pipeline laterals would disturb about 73.7 acres and 4.6 acres, respectively. Following construction, the Applicants would maintain about 52.8 acres and 2.0 acres for permanent operation of the compressor station and pipeline laterals, respectively. The remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.

NEPA Process and the Environmental Document

Any environmental document issued by the Commission will discuss the effects that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under the relevant general resource areas:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;

- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- land use;
- socioeconomic;
- air quality and noise; and
- reliability and safety.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid effects on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further study and discussion in the environmental document.

Following this scoping period, Commission staff will determine whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EA or the EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the issues. If Commission staff prepares an EA, a *Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment* will be issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. The Commission would consider timely comments on the EA before making its decision regarding the proposed project. If Commission staff prepares an EIS, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS/Notice of Schedule* will be issued, which will open up an additional comment period. Staff will then prepare a draft EIS which will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any EA or draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary² and the Commission's natural gas environmental documents web page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow

² For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

³ Cooperating agency responsibilities are addressed in Section 107(a)(3) of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4336(a)(3)).

the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice. Currently, the U.S. Coast Guard has expressed its intention to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental document to satisfy its NEPA responsibilities related to this project.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Offices, and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁴ The environmental document for this project will document findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; Native American Tribes; environmental and public interest groups; other interested parties; and local libraries and media outlets. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

(1) Send an email to GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov stating your request. You must include the docket numbers CP26-530-000 and CP26-533-000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. This email address is unable to accept comments.

OR

(2) Return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 3).

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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Dated: August 12, 2026.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following Complaints and Compliance filings in EL Dockets:

Docket Numbers: EL26-96-000; QF85-344-002.

Applicants: U.S. Gypsum Company, United States Gypsum Company.

Description: Petition for Declaratory Order of United States Gypsum Company.

Filed Date: 8/6/26.

Accession Number: 20260806-5183.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 9/8/26.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10-2394-012; ER10-2395-012.

Applicants: Colorado Power Partners, BIV Generation Company, L.L.C.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of BIV Generation Company, L.L.C., et al.

Filed Date: 7/31/26.

Accession Number: 20260731-5354.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/21/26.

Docket Numbers: ER10-2475-042; ER10-2474-041; ER10-3246-036; ER26-2531-001; ER26-2533-001; ER26-2536-001; ER24-1587-014; ER22-1385-024; ER26-2535-001; ER23-674-020; ER13-1266-064; ER15-2211-061; ER10-1520-030; ER10-1521-030.

Applicants: Occidental Power Marketing, L.P., Occidental Power Services, Inc., MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC, CalEnergy, LLC, BHE Wind Watch, LLC, Power Watch, LLC, BHER Market Operations, LLC, AlbertaEx, L.P., Rim Rock Wind, LLC, Glacier Wind 2, LLC, Glacier Wind 1, LLC, PacifiCorp, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Nevada Power Company.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Nevada Power Company, et al.

Filed Date: 7/31/26.

Accession Number: 20260731-5352.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/21/26.

Docket Numbers: ER12-1316-012; ER11-2753-013.

Applicants: Cedar Point Wind, LLC, Silver State Solar Power North, LLC.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of Silver State Solar Power North, LLC, et al.

Filed Date: 7/31/26.

Accession Number: 20260731-5351.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 8/21/26.

Docket Numbers: ER16-1999-005; ER16-1998-005; ER16-2000-005; ER16-2003-005; ER16-2006-005; ER11-4625-011; ER24-2557-004; ER24-2558-003; ER24-2559-004; ER25-1756-002; ER14-608-009; ER16-2001-005; ER16-2002-005; ER16-1644-009; ER24-1653-003; ER19-537-008; ER26-729-002; ER26-730-002.

Applicants: Arges BESS LLC, Vaca Dixon BESS LLC, MRP San Joaquin Energy, LLC, MRP Pacifica Marketing LLC, MRP Generation Holdings, LLC, Midway Peaking, LLC, Malaga Power, LLC, High Desert Power Project, LLC, Hermes BESS LLC, Malaga BESS LLC, Hanford BESS LLC, Henrietta BESS LLC, Colton Power L.P., CalPeak Power—Vaca Dixon LLC, CalPeak Power—Panoche LLC, CalPeak Power—Enterprise LLC, CalPeak Power—Border LLC, CalPeak Power LLC.