

discuss strategies to handle the protection and enforcement issues in their respective countries. GIPA is an important tool the USPTO uses to achieve its objective of halting intellectual property theft and advancing intellectual property right policies.

The surveys in this information collection are conducted to measure the effectiveness of each activity or intervention. Specifically, the GIPA surveys help to demonstrate the impact of the specific activity on each participant's work and the relevance of each activity to the country's efforts to improve systems for protecting and enforcing IP rights. The survey information is then used to further tailor and improve future interventions. The data captured is also used to help meet organizational performance and accountability goals through the following legislative mandates and performance:

- Government Performance and Results Act of 1993;¹
- Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 (GPRMA);²
- President's Management Agenda (PMA);³ and
- Foundations for Evidence-Based Policy Making Act of 2018.⁴

Evaluations and measurement efforts provide methodologically rigorous data activity and analyses in lieu of more subjective, ad hoc, non-standardized anecdotal material.

These voluntary surveys support various business goals developed by the USPTO to fulfill customer service and performance goals; to assist the USPTO in strategic planning for future initiatives; to verify existing service standards, and to establish new ones. The USPTO also uses these surveys to implement Executive Order 12862 of September 11, 1993, *Setting Customer Service Standards*, published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 1993 (58 FR 48257).⁵

Forms: None.

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 14,508 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 14,508 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 3,627 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$0.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA"), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request ("ICR") abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs ("OIRA"), of the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB"), for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of this notice's publication to OIRA, at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the website's search function. Comments can be entered electronically by clicking on the "comment" button next to the information collection on the "OIRA Information Collections Under Review" page, or the "View ICR—Agency Submission" page. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be

obtained by visiting <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

In addition to the submission of comments to <https://Reginfo.gov> as indicated above, a copy of all comments submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission" or "CFTC") by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and press the "Search" button, then proceed as follows:

1. Under Refine Documents Results—check the box to "Only show documents open for comment";

2. Under Agency—select "See More" and check the box for "Commodity Futures Trading Commission," then press the Apply button;

3. Identify this notice in the list of CFTC documents open for comment, press the "Comment" button to open the submission form, and follow the instructions on the form.

Alternatively, if you are viewing this notice on www.federalregister.gov, click the "Submit A Public Comment" button at the top of the page to open the comment form. Follow the instructions on the form to submit your comment to *Regulations.gov*.

- *Mail:* Send to—Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Address to—CFTC Comment Submission, Attn: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. To avoid possible delays with mail or in-person deliveries, submissions through *Regulations.gov* are encouraged.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Do not include in your comment text or attachments any personal identifying information or business information that you do not want published online. Comments (regardless of submission method) will be published without review for, and without removal of, any personal identifying information or information your business may consider confidential.

If you wish to submit confidential information for the Commission's consideration, please contact the CFTC personnel listed in this Notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**

¹ <https://www.congress.gov/103/statute/STATUTE-107/STATUTE-107-Pg285.pdf>.

² <https://www.congress.gov/111/plaws/publ352/PLAW-111publ352.pdf>.

³ <https://www.performance.gov/blog/2025-pma-impact-report/>.

⁴ <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ435/PLAW-115publ435.pdf>.

⁵ <https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/service/II/fedreg/fr058/fr058176/fr058176.pdf>.

before making any submission. Please also carefully review the Commission's procedures in 17 CFR 145.9 for requesting confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of information submitted to the Commission.

The CFTC reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, or redact all or any part of your comment submission. The CFTC also reserves the right, without further notification, to refuse to publish or to remove from public view all or any part of your submission to the extent it contains content inappropriate for publication in a comment file, such as—without limitation—obscene language, threats of violence, solicitations for commercial sales or illegal activity, or obvious spam. If a submission that is refused for or withdrawn from publication because of inappropriate content also contains comments on the merits of this notice, such submission will be retained in the record for the matter and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act, and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the FOIA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Chaffin, Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 (202) 418–5185; email: pchaffin@cftc.gov, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0096.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements (OMB Control No. 3038–0096). This is a request for revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The collection of information is needed to ensure that the CFTC and other regulators have access to swap data as required by the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act"). The Dodd-Frank Act directed the CFTC to adopt rules providing for the reporting of data relating to swaps. In 2012, the CFTC adopted part 45, which imposes recordkeeping and reporting requirements relating to swaps. In 2020, a final rule adopting modifications to part 45 was adopted by the Commission.¹

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to

respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. On June 16, 2026, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed revision of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed revision, 91 FR 36122 ("60-Day Notice"). The Commission received two comments that addressed its PRA burden estimates. First, a commenter asserted that the Commission's burden estimates are inaccurate because those estimates are premised on the assumption that reported data are truthful which, according to the commenter, they are not.² A second commenter purports to examine evidence provided in the first comment letter and asserts, based on that examination, that swap data lacks practical utility.³ However, neither comment letter provides any information to demonstrate any swap data are inaccurate. The second commenter also questions the Commission's capital costs estimate and operating and maintenance costs estimate, and asserts that the Commission underestimates average annual burden hours. However, that commenter did not provide any analysis to support these assertions or provide any alternative estimates. Accordingly, the Commission has chosen to maintain the updated estimates described in the 60-Day Notice.

Burden Statement: Part 45 of the Commission's regulations establishes swap reporting and recordkeeping requirements for swap execution facilities ("SEFs"), designated contract markets ("DCMs"), swap data repositories ("SDRs"), derivatives clearing organizations ("DCOs"), swap dealers ("SDs"), major swap participants ("MSPs"), and non-SD/MSP/DCO counterparties ("non-SD/MSP counterparties"). The Commission estimates the burden of the collection of information as set out below.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Swap Dealers, Major Swap Participants, SEFs, DCMs, DCOs, and other counterparties to a swap transaction (*i.e.*, end-user, non-SD/non-MSP counterparties).

Estimated number of respondents: 1,732.

Estimated average burden hours per respondent: 839 hours (rounded).

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 1,452,730 hours.

Frequency of collection: Ongoing.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: October 2, 2026.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 26–127–LNG]

Freedom LNG LLC; Application for Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization To Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas to Mexico and To Re-Export Liquefied Natural Gas From Mexico to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries

AGENCY: Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office (HGE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice (Notice) of receipt of an application (Application), filed by Freedom LNG LLC (Freedom LNG) on September 11, 2026. Freedom LNG requests long-term, multi-contract authorization to export U.S.-sourced natural gas by pipeline to Mexico in a volume up to approximately 343 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr), and to re-export 307 Bcf/yr of this natural gas as liquefied natural gas (LNG). Freedom LNG seeks to re-export this LNG by vessel from its proposed LNG production, storage, and export facility, the BRAVO LNG Project (Project), to be located nearshore the Port of Matamoros in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, on the Gulf Coast. Freedom LNG filed the Application under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention, as applicable, and written comments are to be filed electronically as detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, December 7, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by Email (Strongly Encouraged): fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), U.S. Department of Energy (EX–31), Office of Global Energy Security, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office, Forrestal Building, Room 3E–056, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Due to potential delays in DOE's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we

¹ Final Rule, Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, 85 FR 75503 (Nov. 25, 2020).

² "APES TOGETHER STRONG" Letter at 3.

³ Anonymous Commenter Letter at 1.