

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 If a submission that is refused for or withdrawn from publication because of inappropriate content also contains comments on the merits of this notice, such submission will be retained in the record for the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.

encourage respondents to submit filings electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Wade or Peri Ulrey, U.S. Department of Energy (EX-31) Office of Global Energy Security, Office of Strategic Resources, Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4749 or (202) 586-7893, jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov or peri.ulrey@hq.doe.gov.

Cassandra Bernstein, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Energy Delivery and Resilience, Forrestal Building, Room 6D-033, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 780-1691, cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Freedom LNG states that it is filing the Application in connection with the development of the BRAVO LNG Project, which will be located nearshore within the port (land and marine) concessions allocated to the Port of Matamoros in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. According to Freedom LNG, the Project will be developed in a modular configuration consisting of one liquefaction train with a nominal capacity of approximately 6 million tons per annum of LNG (equivalent to 307 Bcf/day of natural gas). Freedom LNG states that the Project is being developed by its affiliate LNG Alliance Pte. Ltd., a Singapore private limited company. Freedom LNG further states that the Project will be owned and operated by BRAVO LNG S.A. de C.V., which is Freedom LNG's affiliate through common ownership.¹

Freedom LNG requests long-term authorization to export domestically produced natural gas to Mexico via the existing offshore Sur de Texas-Tuxpan pipeline system to the Project. Freedom LNG seeks authorization to export this natural gas for both consumption in Mexico and to convert the natural gas, as well as U.S.-sourced natural gas volumes for which it acquires title in Mexico, to LNG for re-export to: (i) any nation with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA nations), and (ii) any other nation with which trade is

not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA nations). This Notice applies only to the portion of the Application requesting authority to re-export LNG produced from U.S.-sourced natural gas to non-FTA countries pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA.² DOE will review Freedom LNG's request for an FTA export authorization separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c).³

Freedom LNG seeks this authorization on its own behalf and as agent for other entities that will hold title to the natural gas or LNG at the point of export or re-export, respectively. Freedom LNG requests authorization for a term of 20 years after commercial exports under the requested authorization begin.

Additional details can be found in Freedom LNG's Application, posted on the DOE website at: https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2026-09/Freedom%20LNG%20LLC%2010SEP2026%20CV%20and%20Application_REDACTED.pdf.

DOE Evaluation

In reviewing the Application, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy under NGA section 3(a), DOE's regulations, and any other documents deemed appropriate.

Parties that may oppose the 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 NEPA 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, addressing the Application. Interested parties will be provided 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention.

Any person wishing to become a party to this proceeding evaluating the Application must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention.⁴ The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to this 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 DOE's regulations in 10 CFR part 590, including the service requirements.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods:

(1) Submitting the filing electronically at fergas@hq.doe.gov;

(2) Mailing the filing to the Office of Global Energy Security at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section; or

(3) Hand delivering the filing to the Office of Global Energy Security at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

For administrative efficiency, DOE prefers filings to be filed electronically. All filings must include a reference to "Docket No. 26-127-LNG" or "Freedom LNG LLC Application" in the title line. Filings must be submitted in English to be considered.⁵

For electronic submissions: Please include all 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.

The Application, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically on the DOE website at www.energy.gov/hgeo/regulation.

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 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.

¹ Specifically, the Project will be owned and operated by BRAVO LNG through its subsidiaries BRAVO FLNG Barge Facility S.A. de C.V., BRAVO LNG Storage S.A. de C.V., BRAVO Maritime Facilities S.A. de C.V., and BRAVO LNG Operations S.A. de C.V., as described in the Application.

² 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).

³ 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

⁴ 10 CFR 590.303.

⁵ See Executive Order 14224 of March 1, 2025, *Designating English as the Official Language of the United States*, 90 FR 11363 (Mar. 6, 2025).

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2026.

Amy Sweeney,

*Director, Office of Global Energy Security,
Office of Strategic Resources.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Revision

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to revise and extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The information collection requests a three-year revision of its collection, titled State Energy Program, OMB Control Number 1910–5126.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 5, 2026. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 881–9493.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Gregory Davoren, CM–5SCP, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585–0121 or by email or telephone at gregory.davoren@doe.gov, (202) 287–1706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the

methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1910–5126;

(2) *Information Collection Request Titled:* State Energy Program (SEP);

(3) *Type of Review:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection;

(4) *Purpose:* To collect information on the status of grantee activities related to the SEP Annual Appropriations and SEP funding appropriated under the Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA)—total activities funded with grant funds; expenditures; and results, to ensure that program funds are being used appropriately, effectively, and expeditiously;

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 56;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 744;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 12,056;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$1,002,456.

Statutory Authority: Title 42, Chapter 77, Subchapter III, Part B of the United States Code (U.S.C.), (42 U.S.C. 6321 *et seq.*). All grant awards made under this program shall comply with applicable laws including, but not limited to, the SEP statutory authority (42 U.S.C. 6321 *et seq.*), 10 CFR part 420, and 2 CFR part 200 as amended by 2 CFR part 910.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on, by September 30, 2026, Audrey Robertson, Assistant Secretary of Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 2, 2026.

Treena V. Garrett,

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S.
Department of Energy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26–572–000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Evergy McNew Power Plant Delivery Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Evergy McNew Power Plant Delivery Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) in Reno, Harvey, and Stafford counties, Kansas. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

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 impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. 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