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The Statement, as supplemented thereto, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically by going to the following DOE Web address: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/division-natural-gas-regulation>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 6, 2022.

**Amy Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 22–22–LNG]

### **Cove Point LNG, LP; Application for Blanket Authorization To Export Previously Imported Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries on a Short-Term Basis**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) (formerly the Office of Fossil Energy) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice (Notice) of receipt of an application (Application), filed on March 22, 2022, by Cove Point LNG, LP (Cove Point). Cove Point requests blanket authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) previously imported into the United States by vessel from foreign sources in a volume equivalent

to 70 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas on a cumulative basis over a two-year period. Cove Point filed the Application under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

**DATES:** Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, 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, June 13, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronic Filing by email:* [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov).

Although DOE has routinely accepted public comment submissions through a variety of mechanisms, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier, DOE has found it necessary to make temporary modifications to the comment submission process in light of the ongoing Covid–19 pandemic. DOE is currently accepting only electronic submissions at this time. If a commenter finds that this change poses an undue hardship, please contact Office of Resource Sustainability staff at (202) 586–4749 or (202) 586–7893 to discuss the need for alternative arrangements. Once the Covid–19 pandemic health emergency is resolved, DOE anticipates resuming all of its regular options for public comment submission, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Wade or Peri Ulrey, U.S. Department of Energy (FE–34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E–042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–4749 or (202) 586–7893, [jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov](mailto:jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov) or [peri.ulrey@hq.doe.gov](mailto: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, (202) 586–9793, [cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov](mailto:cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Cove Point requests a short-term blanket authorization to export LNG that has been previously imported into the United States from foreign sources for a two-year period. Cove Point states that it will export the LNG from the Cove Point LNG Terminal located in Calvert County, Maryland, to any country with

the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. This includes both countries with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries) and all other countries (non-FTA countries). This Notice applies only to the portion of the Application requesting authority to export the previously imported LNG to non-FTA countries pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA.<sup>1</sup> DOE will review Cove Point's request to export the LNG to FTA countries separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c).<sup>2</sup>

Cove Point asks that the requested authorization commence upon issuance.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, Cove Point requests this authorization on its own behalf and as agent for other parties that hold title to the LNG at the time of export. Additional details can be found in Cove Point's Application, posted on the DOE website at: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/cove-point-lng-lp-fe-dkt-no-22-22-lng>.

### **DOE Evaluation**

In reviewing Cove Point's Application, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. DOE will consider domestic need for the 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. Parties that may oppose this application should comment in their responses on these issues.

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. Interested parties will be provided 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

<sup>3</sup> Cove Point states that its prior blanket authorization, set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 4508 (Docket No. 19–156–LNG), expired on March 1, 2022.

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, including the service requirements.

As noted, DOE is only accepting electronic submissions at this time. Please email the filing to [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov). All filings must include a reference to “Docket No. 22–22–LNG” or “Cove Point LNG, LP Application” in the title line.

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The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE Web address: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/division-natural-gas-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 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.

Signed in Washington, DC, on May 6, 2022.

**Amy Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Intent and Request for Information Regarding Establishment of a Transmission Facilitation Program

**AGENCY:** Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent (NOI); request for information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA or the Act) directs the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) to establish a program, to be known as the “Transmission Facilitation Program” or “TFP,” under which the Secretary shall facilitate the construction of electric power transmission lines and related facilities. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or Department) Grid Deployment Office is issuing this NOI to notify interested parties of its intent to implement the TFP and to describe the proposed approach for participation by eligible entities in the TFP. The Department also seeks input from all stakeholders through this RFI regarding the application process, criteria for qualification, and selection of eligible projects to participate in the TFP.

**DATES:** Written comments and information are requested on or before June 13, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit comments by any of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and identifier.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information may be sent to: [TransmissionFacilitation@hq.doe.gov](mailto:TransmissionFacilitation@hq.doe.gov). Questions about the NOI and RFI may be addressed to Carrie Cobb at (202) 586–1411.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

On November 15, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)). The BIL is a once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure, which provides the backbone for a more sustainable,

resilient, and equitable economy through enhancing U.S. competitiveness in the world, diversifying regional economies to include supply chain and manufacturing industries, creating good union jobs, and ensuring stronger access to economic and other benefits for underserved communities. The BIL appropriates more than \$62 billion to DOE to ensure the clean energy future delivers true economic prosperity to the American people. Principles of equity and justice will guide BIL implementation, including the implementation of the TFP, consistent with the Biden Administration’s commitments to ensure that overburdened, underserved, and underrepresented individuals and communities have access to federal resources.<sup>1</sup>

As part of the BIL implementation, DOE is authorized to borrow from the Treasury, without further appropriation and without fiscal year limitation, up to \$2.5 billion in outstanding repayable balances at any one time for the purpose of carrying out the TFP. The expansion of transmission infrastructure facilitated by the TFP lays the groundwork for increasing the availability of lower cost and low carbon electricity sources. This will support the Biden Administration’s goal to achieve a carbon-free electric grid by 2035 and a net zero emissions economy by 2050.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the BIL directs that DOE support strong and equitable economic growth,<sup>3</sup> enhanced transmission system reliability and resilience, increased interregional transfers and the use of technology that enhances transmission system capacity, efficiency, resilience, or reliability.

Amounts borrowed by DOE, together with all amounts received by DOE as receipts, collections, and recoveries relating to the eligible projects

<sup>1</sup> See E.O. 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities; E.O. 14020, Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council; and E.O. 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.

<sup>2</sup> FACT SHEET: President Biden sets 2030 Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Target Aimed at Creating Good-paying Union Jobs and Securing U.S. Leadership on Clean Energy Technologies, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/22/fact-sheet-president-biden-sets-2030-greenhouse-gas-pollution-reduction-target-aimed-at-creating-good-paying-union-jobs-and-securing-u-s-leadership-on-clean-energy-technologies/>.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthening prosperity—by expanding good, safe union jobs and supporting job growth through investments in domestic manufacturing—is a key goal set by President Biden and is discussed in depth in his Executive Orders (EOs) on Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America’s Workers (E.O. 14005), Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (E.O. 14008), Worker Organizing and Empowerment (E.O. 14025), and Promoting Competition in the American Economy (E.O. 14036).