

Commission on September 30, 2019 in Docket No. CP17–66–000. The proposed amendment is known as the Venture Global Plaquemines LNG Uprate Amendment Project (Project). Plaquemines LNG’s proposed Project would increase the authorized peak liquefaction capacity of the Plaquemines LNG Export Terminal from 24.0 million metric tons per annum (MTPA) to 27.2 MTPA of liquified natural gas (LNG)—or from approximately 1,240 billion cubic feet to 1,405 billion cubic feet per year (gas equivalence).

On March 25, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA January 6, 2023

90-Day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline² April 6, 2023

This schedule is dependent upon the applicant providing complete responses to information requested by staff in the timeframe identified in staff’s environmental information requests. If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

Plaquemines LNG proposes to increase the Export Terminal’s authorized peak liquefaction capacity achievable under optimal conditions from 24.0 MTPA to 27.2 MTPA of LNG. According to Plaquemines LNG, this proposed increase in the peak liquefaction capacity reflects refinements in the conditions and assumptions concerning the maximum potential operations. The requested

increase does not involve the construction of any new facilities nor any modification of the previously authorized facilities. There would be no land disturbance required for the Project.

Background

On May 11, 2022, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Venture Global Plaquemines LNG Uprate Amendment Project*. The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. Comments were filed by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Louisiana Bucket Brigade, the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, and Sierra Club, stating concerns with air quality impacts, climate change, environmental justice, and economic impacts. All substantive comments received will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the “eLibrary” link, select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and “Docket Number” excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP22–92), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC22–16–000]

Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC–542); Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of information collection and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is soliciting public comment on the currently approved information collections, FERC–542 (Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Tracking). The Commission published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 2022, and received no comments.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information are due October 3, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on FERC 542 to OMB through www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain, Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. Please identify the OMB Control Number 1902–0070 (Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Tracking) in the subject line. Your comments should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Please submit copies of your comments (identified by Docket No. IC22–16–000 and the form) to the Commission as noted below. Electronic filing through <https://www.ferc.gov> is preferred.

- Electronic Filing: Documents must be filed in acceptable native applications and print-to-PDF, but not in scanned or picture format.

- For those unable to file electronically, comments may be filed by USPS mail or by hand (including courier) delivery.

- Mail via U.S. Postal Service only, addressed to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

- Hand (including courier) delivery to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Please reference the specific collection number(s) and/or title(s) in your comments.

Instructions: OMB submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² The Commission’s deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission’s deadline for other agency’s decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

with submission guidelines at: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Using the search function under the “Currently Under Review field,” select Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; click “submit” and select “comment” to the right of the subject collection. FERC submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <https://www.ferc.gov>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or by phone at (866) 208-3676 (toll-free).

Docket: Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov and telephone at (202) 502-8663.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: FERC-542 (Gas Pipeline Rates: Rate Tracking).

OMB Control No.: 1902-0070.

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-542 information collection requirements with no changes to the current reporting requirements.

Abstract: The Commission uses FERC-542 filings to verify that costs which are passed through to pipeline customers as rate adjustments are consistent with the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA), 15 U.S.C. 3301-3432, and sections 4 and 5 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717c and 717d. These statutory provisions require FERC to regulate the transmission and sale of natural gas for resale in interstate commerce at just and reasonable rates. This collection of information is also in accordance with section 16 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717o, which authorizes FERC to implement the NGA through its rules and regulations.

The regulations at 18 CFR part 154 include provisions that allow an interstate natural gas pipeline to submit filings seeking to:

- Recover research, development and demonstration expenditures (18 CFR 154.401);
- Recover annual charges assessed by the Commission under 18 CFR part 382 (18 CFR 154.402); and
- Pass through, on a periodic basis, a single cost or revenue item such as fuel use and unaccounted-for natural gas in kind (18 CFR 154.403).

FERC-542 filings may be submitted at any time or on a regularly scheduled basis in accordance with the pipeline company’s tariff. Filings may be: (1) accepted or rejected; (2) suspended and set for hearing; (3) minimal suspension; or (4) suspended for further review, such as technical conference or some other type of Commission action. The Commission implements these filing requirements under 18 CFR part 154.

Type of Respondents: Jurisdictional Natural Gas Pipelines.

Estimate of Annual Burden:¹ The Commission estimates the total burden and cost for this information collection as follows:

FERC 542—GAS PIPELINE RATES: RATE TRACKING

Type of response	Annual number of respondents (1)	Annual number of responses per respondent (2)	Total number of responses (1) * (2) = (3)	Average burden hours & cost per respondent (4) ²	Total annual burden hours & total annual cost (rounded) (3) * (4) = (5)	Cost per respondent (rounded) (5) ÷ (1)
Request to Recover Costs from Customers	94	2	188	2 hrs; \$174	376 hrs; \$32,712.	\$174

² The Commission staff estimates that the industry’s hourly cost for wages plus benefits is similar to the Commission’s \$87.00 FY 2021 average hourly cost for wages and benefits.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. TX22-6-000]

Nighthawk Energy Storage, LLC; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on July 1, 2022, pursuant to section 211 of the Federal Power Act,¹ and Section 9.3.3 of the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) Transmission Owner Tariff (SDG&E TO Tariff), Nighthawk Energy Storage, LLC filed an application requesting that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issue an order requiring SDG&E to provide interconnection and transmission service for the proposed Nighthawk battery energy storage facility under the terms and conditions of the Transmission Control Agreement

between SDG&E and the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO), the SDG&E TO Tariff, CAISO’s Fifth Replacement FERC Electric Tariff,² and the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement among Nighthawk Energy Storage, LLC, SDG&E, and CAISO, dated July 15, 2021, as they may be in effect from time to time.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or

¹ “Burden” is the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. For further explanation

of what is included in the information collection burden, refer to 5 CFR 1320.3.

¹ 16 U.S.C. 824j (2018).

² Capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the CAISO Tariff.