

B. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Impact

This final rule has been determined to be not significant within the meaning of Executive Order 12866.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Chief Counsel for Regulation of the Department of Commerce certified to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration during the proposed rule stage that this action would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The factual basis for the certification was published in the proposed rule and is not repeated here. No comments were received regarding this certification, but NOAA did receive one public comment about the evaluation of the insurance, capacity, or regulatory impacts on small businesses. However, NOAA has determined that said public comment is outside the scope of this rulemaking given the fact that this final rule is strictly administrative in nature, the amendment addresses how potential conflict among other Federal agency regulations and FGBNMS sanctuary regulations are to be resolved, and the final rule does not create any new requirements for small businesses nor does it create or remove any environmental protections. As a result, a regulatory flexibility analysis was not required and none was prepared.

List of Subjects in 15 CFR Part 922

Administrative practice and procedure, Marine resources, Natural resources.

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Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, NOAA amends part 922, title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 922—NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY PROGRAM REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 922 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

Subpart L—Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

§ 922.122 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend § 922.122 by removing and reserving paragraph (b).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 157

[Docket No. RM81–19–000]

Natural Gas Pipelines; Project Cost and Annual Limits

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Commission’s regulations, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects (OEP) computes and publishes the project cost and annual limits for natural gas pipelines blanket construction certificates for each calendar year.

DATES: This final rule is effective February 14, 2023 and establishes cost limits applicable from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Green, Chief, Certificates Branch 2, Division of Pipeline Certificates, (202) 502–8755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 157.208(d) of the Commission’s Regulations provides for project cost limits applicable to construction, acquisition, operation, and miscellaneous rearrangement of facilities (Table I) authorized under the blanket certificate procedure (Order No. 234, 19 FERC ¶ 61,216). Section 157.215(a) specifies the calendar year dollar limit which may be expended on underground storage testing and development (Table II) authorized under the blanket certificate. Section 157.208(d) requires that the “limits specified in Tables I and II shall be adjusted each calendar year to reflect the ‘GDP implicit price deflator’ published by the Department of Commerce for the previous calendar year.”

Pursuant to § 375.308(x)(1) of the Commission’s Regulations, the authority for the publication of such cost limits, as adjusted for inflation, is delegated to the Director of the Office of Energy Projects. The cost limits for calendar

year 2023, as published in Table I of § 157.208(d) and Table II of § 157.215(a), are hereby issued.

Effective Date

This final rule is effective February 14, 2023. The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 804 regarding Congressional review of Final Rules does not apply to the Final Rule because the rule concerns agency procedure and practice and will not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. The final rule merely updates amounts published in the Code of Federal Regulations to reflect the Department of Commerce’s latest annual determination of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) implicit price deflator, a mathematical updating required by the Commission’s existing regulations.

List of Subjects in 18 CFR Part 157

Administrative practice and procedure, Natural Gas, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Issued: February 7, 2023.

Terry L. Turpin,

Director, Office of Energy Projects.

Accordingly, 18 CFR part 157 is amended as follows:

PART 157—APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND FOR ORDERS PERMITTING AND APPROVING ABANDONMENT UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE NATURAL GAS ACT

■ 1. The authority citation for part 157 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 717–717w, 3301–3432; 42 U.S.C. 7101–7352.

■ 2. In § 157.208, in paragraph (d), remove table I to part 157 and add table 1 to paragraph (d) in its place to read as follows:

§ 157.208 Construction, acquisition, operation, replacement, and miscellaneous rearrangement of facilities.

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(d) * * *

TABLE I TO PARAGRAPH (d)

Year	Limit	
	Auto. proj. cost limit (col. 1)	Prior notice proj. cost limit (col. 2)
1982	\$4,200,000	\$12,000,000
1983	4,500,000	12,800,000
1984	4,700,000	13,300,000
1985	4,900,000	13,800,000
1986	5,100,000	14,300,000
1987	5,200,000	14,700,000
1988	5,400,000	15,100,000

TABLE I TO PARAGRAPH (d)—
Continued

Year	Limit	
	Auto. proj. cost limit (col. 1)	Prior notice proj. cost limit (col. 2)
1989	5,600,000	15,600,000
1990	5,800,000	16,000,000
1991	6,000,000	16,700,000
1992	6,200,000	17,300,000
1993	6,400,000	17,700,000
1994	6,600,000	18,100,000
1995	6,700,000	18,400,000
1996	6,900,000	18,800,000
1997	7,000,000	19,200,000
1998	7,100,000	19,600,000
1999	7,200,000	19,800,000
2000	7,300,000	20,200,000
2001	7,400,000	20,600,000
2002	7,500,000	21,000,000
2003	7,600,000	21,200,000
2004	7,800,000	21,600,000
2005	8,000,000	22,000,000
2006	9,600,000	27,400,000
2007	9,900,000	28,200,000
2008	10,200,000	29,000,000
2009	10,400,000	29,600,000
2010	10,500,000	29,900,000
2011	10,600,000	30,200,000
2012	10,800,000	30,800,000
2013	11,000,000	31,400,000
2014	11,200,000	31,900,000
2015	11,400,000	32,400,000
2016	11,600,000	32,800,000
2017	11,800,000	33,200,000
2018	12,000,000	33,800,000
2019	12,300,000	34,600,000
2020	12,500,000	35,200,000
2021	12,600,000	35,600,000
2022	13,100,000	37,100,000
2023	14,000,000	39,700,000

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■ 3. In § 157.215, in paragraph (a)(5), remove table II to part 157 and add table 1 to paragraph (a)(5) in its place to read as follows:

§ 157.215 Underground storage testing and development.

- (a) * * *
- (5) * * *

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a)(5)

Year	Limit
1982	\$2,700,000
1983	2,900,000
1984	3,000,000
1985	3,100,000
1986	3,200,000
1987	3,300,000
1988	3,400,000
1989	3,500,000
1990	3,600,000
1991	3,800,000
1992	3,900,000
1993	4,000,000
1994	4,100,000
1995	4,200,000
1996	4,300,000

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a)(5)—
Continued

Year	Limit
1997	4,400,000
1998	4,500,000
1999	4,550,000
2000	4,650,000
2001	4,750,000
2002	4,850,000
2003	4,900,000
2004	5,000,000
2005	5,100,000
2006	5,250,000
2007	5,400,000
2008	5,550,000
2009	5,600,000
2010	5,700,000
2011	5,750,000
2012	5,850,000
2013	6,000,000
2014	6,100,000
2015	6,200,000
2016	6,300,000
2017	6,400,000
2018	6,500,000
2019	6,600,000
2020	6,700,000
2021	6,800,000
2022	7,100,000
2023	7,600,000

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 591

Publication of Venezuela Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 16, 17, 18, and Subsequent Iterations

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of web general licenses.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing seven general licenses (GLs) issued in the Venezuela Sanctions program: GLs 16, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18, and 18A, each of which was previously made available on OFAC’s website.

DATES: GLs 16, 17, and 18 were issued on March 22, 2019. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC’s website: www.treas.gov/ofac.

Background

On March 22, 2019, OFAC issued GLs 16 and 17 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850 of November 1, 2018, “Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela” (83 FR 55243, November 2, 2018). Subsequently, OFAC issued three further iterations of GL 16. On April 17, 2019, OFAC issued GL 16A, which superseded GL 16. On August 5, 2019, OFAC issued GL 16B, which superseded GL 16A and also authorized certain transactions otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, “Blocking Property of the Government of Venezuela” (84 FR 38843, August 7, 2019). On November 22, 2019, OFAC incorporated the prohibitions of E.O. 13850, as well as any other Executive orders issued pursuant to the national emergency declared in E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, “Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela,” into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (VSR). On March 12, 2020, OFAC issued GL 16C, which superseded GL 16B, pursuant to the VSR. GL 17 expired on May 21, 2019.

Also on March 22, 2019, OFAC issued GL 18 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, “Imposing Additional Sanctions with Respect to the Situation in Venezuela” (82 FR 41155, August 29, 2017) or E.O. 13850. On August 5, 2019, OFAC issued GL 18A, which superseded GL 18 and also authorized certain transactions otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13884.

Each GL was made available on OFAC’s website (www.treas.gov/ofac) when it was issued. The text of these GLs is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018

Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 16

Authorizing Maintenance of U.S. Person Accounts and Noncommercial, Personal Remittances Involving Certain Banks

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, the following transactions and activities involving Banco