

117–328, authorized \$1,000,000,000 to the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities to improve the resilience of the Puerto Rican electric grid by installation of renewable energy, energy storage, and other grid technologies, with a focus on the island's most vulnerable and disadvantaged households and communities. The need for a diligent eligibility verification process is necessary to demonstrate to Congress, Senior Leadership, and the public that these specific communities have been served.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 18, 2023, by Maria D. Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, 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 September 1, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Number CP23–501–000]

Port Arthur LNG, LLC, PALNG Common Facilities Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Port Arthur Liquefied Natural Gas Amendment

On June 21, 2023, Port Arthur LNG, LLC and PALNG Common Facilities Company, LLC (collectively, PALNG) filed an application in Docket Number (No.) CP23–501–000 for a limited amendment to the existing authorization issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) on April 18, 2019, in Docket No. CP17–20–000 to site, construct, and operate facilities for the liquefaction of domestically produced natural gas at the

proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Port Arthur, Texas. If authorized, the Port Arthur Liquefied Natural Gas Amendment (Amendment) would allow for an increase in workforce, traffic volume, and work week/hour limits associated with the construction of its terminal from that analyzed in the final Environmental Impact Statement for the original Port Arthur Liquefaction Project (Docket No. CP17–20–000).

On June 28, 2023, FERC issued its Notice of Application for the Amendment. 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 Amendment.

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

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA December 19, 2023
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline² March 18, 2024

If a schedule change becomes necessary, an additional notice will be issued so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Amendment's progress.

Project Description

PALNG's proposed Amendment would: (1) extend the work hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to 24-hours-per-day until completion of the facilities described in CP17–20–000; (2) increase the workforce from 3,000 to 6,000 workers during peak construction; and (3) increase the onsite terminal parking from 500 to 1,000 parking spaces.

PALNG asserts that this Amendment would maintain a development schedule that maximizes construction efficiency while minimizing the duration of environmental and community disturbance in the vicinity of the approved terminal and meet the approved terminal construction schedule.

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.

Background

On July 18, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for The Port Arthur Liquefied Natural Gas Amendment* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners (as defined by the Commission's regulations); Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, residents of Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, Sabine Pass Independent School District, and Sabine Passport Authority. The primary issues raised by the commenters are wanting to see an enhanced level of detail and analysis for the park and ride locations, environmental justice impacts, traffic impacts, noise, climate change, air quality, and public participation. In addition, some of these comments provided general opposition and support for the Amendment. All substantive comments received in response to the Notice of Scoping 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.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members, and others access publicly available information and navigate the Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Additional information about the Amendment 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” (*i.e.*, CP23–501), 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.

Dated: August 30, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23–2728–000]

All Clean Power, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of All Clean Power, LLC’s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant’s request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is September 20, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling

link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission’s Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

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Dated: August 31, 2023.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15312–000]

County of Alameda, CA; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On May 26, 2023, MQR Storage, LLC, filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the MQR Pumped Storage Water Battery Project to be located near the City of Tracy in Alameda County, California. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners’ express permission.

This proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a new 52-acre upper reservoir, with an anticipated maximum water surface elevation is approximately 1,640 feet above means sea level (msl), that would be formed by a 1,052-foot-long, 210-foot-high embankment dam, a 677-foot-long, 150-foot-high embankment dam, and a 508-foot-long, 80-foot-high saddle dam; (2) a 25-foot-diameter steel penstock, shaft, and pressure tunnel connecting the upper reservoir to new 210-foot by 125-foot powerhouse containing two 140-megawatt turbine generator units; (3) a draft tube extension tunnel joining a tailrace tunnel that extends into the new lower reservoir; (4) a new 40-acre lower reservoir, with an anticipated maximum water surface elevation of 940 feet msl, that would be formed by a 946-foot-long, 250-foot-high roller compacted concrete dam; (5) a 30-inch-diameter, 8-mile-long pipeline connecting the upper reservoir to either the City of Tracy’s or the City of Livermore’s water treatment plant for supply water for the initial fill and refill of the reservoir; (6) a new 1.75-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line connecting the powerhouse to PG&E’s Tesla substation; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The average annual energy production of the proposed project is estimated to be approximately 368 gigawatt-hours.

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