

Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date. 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 motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP96-517-000]

Algonquin LNG, Inc.; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed ALNG Modifications Project

February 5, 1997.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) on the natural gas pipeline facilities proposed by Algonquin LNG, Inc. (ALNG) in the above-referenced docket.

The EA was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed modification, construction and operation at an existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage facility and the construction and operation of associated pipeline facilities including:

- A liquefaction facility with a capacity of 40,000 million British thermal units per day (MMbtu/d);
- LNG pumps and vaporizers with a capacity of 375,000 MMbtu/d;
- Boil-off gas compressors;
- 0.92 mile of 20-inch-diameter pipeline;
- 0.25 mile of 10.75-inch-diameter pipeline;
- Metering facilities;
- Inspection of the existing 600,000-barrel LNG storage tank, and install new instrumentation; and
- Miscellaneous construction including water/glycol system, feed gas compressors, odorant injection, control systems, and fire protection system additions.

The purpose of the proposed facilities is to provide natural gas liquefaction, LNG storage, LNG trucking, and LNG vaporization services on a firm and interruptible, open access, blanket basis.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Written comments must be received on or before Marcy 7, 1997, reference Docket No. CP96-517-000, and be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

Comments will be considered by the Commission but will not serve to make the commentor a party to the proceeding. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214).

The date for filing timely motions to intervene in this proceeding has passed. Therefore, parties now seeking to file late interventions must show good cause, as required by section 385.214(b)(3), why this time limitation should be waived. Environmental issues have been viewed as good cause for late intervention. You do not need

intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The EA has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 2A-1, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 208-1371.

Copies of the EA have been mailed to Federal, state, and local agencies, public interest groups, interested individuals, newspapers, and parties to this proceeding. For a limited number of copies of the EA, contact the Public Reference and Files Maintenance Branch identified above.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Office of Hearings and Appeals

Notice of Cases Filed; Week of December 9 Through December 13, 1996

During the Week of December 9 through December 13, 1996, the appeals, applications, petitions or other requests listed in this Notice were filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department of Energy.

Any person who will be aggrieved by the DOE action sought in any of these cases may file written comments on the application within ten days of publication of this Notice or the date of receipt of actual notice, whichever occurs first. All such comments shall be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20585-0107.

Dated: February 3, 1997.
George B. Breznay,
Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.

LIST OF CASES RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS
[Week of December 9 through December 13, 1996]

Date	Name and location of applicant	Case No.	Type of submission
Dec. 9, 1996 ...	Carlos Blanco, Portland, Oregon	VFA-0248	Appeal of an Information Request Denial. If granted: The November 5, 1996 Freedom of Information Request Denial issued by the Bonneville Power Administration would be rescinded, and Carlos Blanco would receive access to certain DOE information.
Dec. 9, 1996 ...	Personnel Security Hearing	VSO-0127	Request for Hearing Under 10 CFR Part 710. If granted: An individual employed by the Department of Energy would receive a hearing under 10 CFR Part 710.
Dec. 10, 1996	Ellisworth-Williams Coop Co. Hardin, Kentucky.	RR272-271	Request for Modification/Rescission in the Crude Oil Refund Proceeding. If Granted: The October 18, 1996 Decision and Order, Case No. RG272-260, issued to Ellisworth-Williams Coop Co. would be modified regarding the firm's Application for Refund submitted in the Crude Oil refund proceeding.