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**Linda Mitry,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP04-37-000, CP04-44-000, CP04-45-000, and CP04-46-000]

### Corpus Christi LNG, L.P., Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cheniere Corpus Christi LNG Project

November 18, 2004.

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities in Nueces and San Patricio Counties, Texas proposed by Corpus Christi LNG, L.P. and Cheniere Corpus Christi Pipeline Company (collectively referred to as Cheniere) in the above-referenced dockets.

The draft EIS 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 as recommended, would have limited adverse environmental impact. The draft EIS also evaluates alternatives to the proposal, including system alternatives, alternative sites for the LNG import terminal, and pipeline alternatives.

Cheniere's proposed facilities would have a nominal output of about 2.6 billion cubic feet of imported natural gas per day to the U.S. market. In order to provide LNG import, storage, and pipeline transportation services, Cheniere requests Commission authorization to construct, install, and operate the following LNG terminal and natural gas pipeline facilities:

- A new marine basin and dredged maneuvering area, together with 2 berths for LNG ships, and another dock for tugs and line boats;
- 3 LNG unloading arms and 1 vapor return arm at each LNG ship berth, and transfer pipelines extending from the docks to the storage tanks;
- 3 LNG storage tanks, each with a nominal working volume of approximately 160,000 cubic meters (1,006,400 barrels equivalent), 3 submerged vertical pumps within each tank, and earthen dikes around each tank capable of containing 110 percent of the gross tank volume;
- 16 LNG sendout pumps, 16 submerged combustion LNG vaporizers, 3 boil-off gas compressors and a boil-off gas condensing system, and natural gas metering;
- LNG terminal control instrumentation and safety systems, including hazard detection and fire response, and buildings housing administrative offices, warehouse/maintenance, utilities, and a gatehouse;
- 23 miles of 48-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, three mainline valves, and launcher and receiving facilities; and
- 8 interconnects with existing intrastate and interstate pipelines, and associated metering facilities.

### Comment Procedures and Public Meetings

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. To ensure consideration prior to a Commission decision on the proposal, it is important that we receive your comments before the date specified below. Please carefully follow these instructions to ensure that your comments are received in time and properly recorded:

- Send an original and two copies of your comments to: Magalie R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426;
- Reference Docket No. CP04-37-000, *et al.*;
- Label one copy of your comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, PJ11.3; and
- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before January 4, 2005.

Please note that we are continuing to experience delays in mail deliveries from the U.S. Postal Service. As a result, we will include all comments that we receive within a reasonable time frame in our environmental analysis of the project. However, the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing of any comments or interventions to this proceeding. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the FERC's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the "e-Filing" link and the link to the User's Guide. Before you can file comments you will need to create a free account which can be created online.

In addition to or in lieu of sending written comments, we invite you to attend the public comment meeting we will conduct in the project area. The location and time for the meeting is listed below: December 15, 2004, 7 p.m. (c.s.t.); Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G Webb, Portland, TX 78374, Telephone: 361-777-3301.

The meeting will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend and present oral comments on the draft EIS. Transcripts of the meeting will be prepared.

After these comments are reviewed, any significant new issues would be investigated by the FERC staff. A final EIS incorporating appropriate modifications will be published and distributed. The final EIS will contain the staff's responses to timely comments received on the draft EIS.

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 Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS. You must file your request to intervene as specified above.<sup>1</sup> You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

The draft EIS has been placed in the public files of the FERC and is available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street, NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

A limited number of copies are available from the Public Reference Room identified above. In addition, copies of the draft EIS have been mailed to Federal, State, and local agencies; public interest groups; individuals and affected landowners who requested a copy of the draft EIS; libraries; newspapers; and parties to this proceeding.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC Internet Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link on the FERC Internet Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to the eSubscription link on the FERC Internet Web site.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD04-13-000]

#### Assessing the State of Wind Energy in Wholesale Electricity Markets; Notice of Technical Conference

November 18, 2004.

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on October 4, 2004, a technical conference will be held on December 1, 2004, to assess the state of wind energy in wholesale electricity markets. The goal of the technical conference is to explore possible policy changes that would better accommodate the participation of wind energy in wholesale markets. Members of the Commission will attend and participate in the discussion.

The conference will focus on the issues identified in the agenda, which is appended to this notice as Attachment A.

The conference will begin at 10 a.m. and end at approximately 6 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) at the Adams Mark Denver Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado. The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required; however, in-person attendees are asked to register for the conference on-line by close of business on Monday, November 29, 2004, at <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/wind-1201-form.asp>.

Transcripts of the conference will be immediately available from Ace Reporting Company (202) 347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646) for a fee. They will be available for the public on the Commission's eLibrary system seven calendar days after FERC receives the transcript. Additionally, Capitol Connection offers the opportunity for remote listening of the conference via the Internet or a Phone Bridge Connection for a fee. Interested persons should make arrangements as soon as possible by visiting the Capitol Connection Web site at <http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu> and clicking on "FERC." If you have any questions contact David Reininger or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703) 993-3100).

For more information about the conference, please contact Sarah

McKinley at (202) 502-8004, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

#### Attachment A

##### Agenda

10-11 a.m.: Opening Session

- Pat Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Suedeem Kelly, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Bill Richardson, Governor, State of New Mexico.

11-12:30 p.m.: Overview of the Drivers and Issues to Wind Energy Participation in Wholesale Energy Markets

Panelists will discuss the current state of wind development, regulatory and policy initiatives, regional efforts and activities.

Questions intended to be addressed include:

- What is the current state of wind energy development?
- What is the potential for wind energy development?
- What are the drivers (economic, financial, technological, environmental, geographic, and legislative) of wind energy development?
- What are the overall economic challenges faced by wind developers in moving a project from paper to production?
- Are there certain issues/factors that are region-specific?
- How can wind development be viable in states that do not have a renewable portfolio mandate?

##### Panelists:

- Matthew Brown, National Conference of State Legislatures.
- Tom Kerr, Environmental Protection Agency.
- Mark Maher, PacifiCorp.
- Lee Otteni, Bureau of Land Management.
- Robert L. Sims, SeaWest Wind Power.
- Doug Larson, Western Interstate Energy Board.
- J. Charles Smith, NexGen Energy, LLC.

12:30-1:15 p.m.: Lunch

1:15-2:30 p.m.: Planning, Grid Operation and Utilization to Account for Wind and Other Emerging Technologies

Questions intended to be addressed include:

- What are the particular needs of intermittent resources, such as wind generators, and how should they be recognized and accommodated in the transmission and resource planning process?
- How can current planning practices be refocused to identify opportunities for increased utilization of the current transmission infrastructure?
- How can wind generation contribute to reserve requirements, and receive capacity credits in a capacity market?
- What are the reliability impacts of large-scale wind integration on the regional transmission grid?

<sup>1</sup> Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.