

not needed to meet domestic demand for natural gas.⁴

Eni USA Gas Marketing states that in its existing authorization to export foreign-sourced LNG granted in DOE/FE Order No. 2923, FE noted that the “U.S. consumers presently have access to substantial quantities of natural gas sufficient to meet domestic demand from multiple other sources at competitive prices without drawing on the LNG which Eni USA Gas Marketing seeks to export.”⁵ Eni USA Gas Marketing asserts that the relevant circumstances have not changed in the nearly two years since that finding and provides a detailed discussion of the public interest standard in the Application and states that the requested authorization is consistent with the public interest and the Application should be granted.

Environmental Impact

Eni USA Gas Marketing states that no new facilities or modifications to any existing facilities at the Cameron Terminal would be required in order for Eni USA Gas Marketing to export LNG from that facility. Eni USA Gas Marketing asserts that exports of LNG from the Cameron Terminal also would not increase the number of LNG carriers that the Cameron Terminal is designed and authorized to accommodate. Finally, Eni USA Gas Marketing states that granting this application will not constitute a federal action significantly affecting the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and accordingly, approval of this Application would not require an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment.

DOE/FE Evaluation

This export Application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, as amended, and the authority contained in DOE Delegation Order No. 00–002.00L (April 29, 2011) and DOE Redelelegation Order No. 00–002.04E (April 29, 2011). In reviewing this LNG export Application, DOE will consider domestic need for the natural gas, as well as any other issues determined to be appropriate, including whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE’s policy of promoting competition in the

marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Persons that may oppose this Application should comment in their responses on these issues.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its NEPA responsibilities.

Public Comment Procedures

In response to this notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590. The information contained in any filing will not be held confidential and will be posted to DOE’s public Web site except to the extent confidential treatment is requested and granted.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to fergas@hq.doe.gov, with FE Docket No. 12–161–LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**.

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties’ written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. A party seeking intervention may request that additional procedures be provided, such as

additional written comments, an oral presentation, a conference, or trial-type hearing. Any request to file additional written comments should explain why they are necessary. Any request for an oral presentation should identify the substantial question of fact, law, or policy at issue, show that it is material and relevant to a decision in the proceeding, and demonstrate why an oral presentation is needed. Any request for a conference should demonstrate why the conference would materially advance the proceeding. Any request for a trial-type hearing must show that there are factual issues genuinely in dispute that are relevant and material to a decision and that a trial-type hearing is necessary for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Application filed by Eni USA Gas Marketing is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities docket room, 3E–042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>.

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John A. Anderson,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, To Import and Export Liquefied Natural Gas, and Granting Rehearing During October 2012

⁴ *The Dow Chemical Company*, DOE/FE Order No. 3162 (October 11, 2012).

⁵ DOE/FE Order No. 2923 at 5.

	FE Docket Nos.
SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC	10-111-LNG
GULF COAST LNG EXPORT, LLC	12-05-LNG
THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY	12-76-LNG
BOISE WHITE PAPER	12-84-NG
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT	12-87-NG
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED	12-90-NG
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED	12-91-NG
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LIMITED	12-92-NG
CHENIERE MARKETING, LLC	12-99-LNG
PETROCHINA INTERNATIONAL (CANADA) TRADING LTD	12-104-NG
PEMEX GAS Y PETROQUIMICA BASICA	12-110-NG
NORTH WESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	12-111-NG
REGENT RESOURCES LTD	12-112-NG
FREEPORT LNG EXPANSION, L.P	12-115-LNG
UNITED STATES GYPSUM COMPANY	12-116-NG
TRANSCANADA GAS STORAGE USA, INC	12-117-NG
TERMOELECTRICA DE MEXICALI, S. DE R.L. DE C.V	12-120-NG
FORTUNA (US) L.P	12-121-NG
UGI ENERGY SERVICES INC	12-122-NG
FAMILY ENERGY INC	12-124-NG
GLACIAL NATURAL GAS, INC	12-125-NG
YANKEE GAS SERVICES COMPANY	12-129-NG
NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	12-130-NG
CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC	12-131-NG
NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC	12-132-NG
CONNECTICUT NATURAL GAS CORPORATION	12-133-NG
THE SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT GAS COMPANY	12-134-NG
ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES	12-135-NG
BAY STATE GAS COMPANY d/b/a COLUMBIA GAS OF MASSACHUSETTS	12-136-NG
BOSTON GAS COMPANY	12-137-NG
THE BROOKLYN UNION GAS COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID	12-138-NG
COLONIAL GAS COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID	12-139-NG
KEYSPAN GAS EAST CORPORATION d/b/a NATIONAL GRID	12-140-NG
THE NARRANGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID	12-141-NG
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION d/b/a NATIONAL GRID	12-142-NG
ALBERTA NORTHEAST GAS, LIMITED	12-143-NG
NORTHEAST GAS MARKETS LLC	12-144-NG
MC GLOBAL GAS CORPORATION	12-150-NG

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during October 2012, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas and liquefied natural gas. These orders are summarized in the attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site

at <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/programs/gasregulation/authorizations/Orders-2012.html>. They are also available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 15, 2013.

John A. Anderson,
*Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities,
 Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and
 Supply, Office of Fossil Energy.*

Appendix—DOE/FE Orders Granting Import/Export Authorizations

Order No.	Date issued	FE Docket No.	Authorization holder	Description of action
3148	10/04/12	12-84-NG	Boise White Paper L.L.C	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3149	10/04/12	12-87-NG	Imperial Irrigation District	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Mexico.
3150	10/04/12	12-90-NG	TransCanada PipeLines Limited.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3151	10/04/12	12-91-NG	TransCanada PipeLines Limited.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3152	10/04/12	12-92-NG	TransCanada PipeLines Limited.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3153	10/04/12	12-104-NG	PetroChina International (Canada) Trading Ltd.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3154	10/04/12	12-110-NG	Pemex Gas y Petroquimica Basica.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico, and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3155	10/04/12	12-111-NG	NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.

Order No.	Date issued	FE Docket No.	Authorization holder	Description of action
3156	10/04/12	12-112-NG	Regent Resources Ltd	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3157	10/05/12	12-116-NG	United States Gypsum Company.	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3158	10/05/12	12-117-NG	TransCanada Gas Storage USA, Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico.
3159	10/05/12	12-120-NG	Termoelectrica de Mexicali, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Mexico.
3160	10/05/12	12-121-NG	Fortuna (US) L.P	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3161	10/05/12	12-122-NG	UGI Energy Services, Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
N/A	10/05/12	10-111-LNG	Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC.	Order granting rehearing for further consideration.
3162	10/11/12	12-76-LNG	The Dow Chemical Company	Order granting blanket authority to export previously imported LNG by vessel.
3163	10/16/12	12-05-LNG	Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC	Order granting long-term multi-contract authority to export LNG by vessel from proposed Brownsville Terminal to free trade agreement nations.
3164	10/16/12	12-99-LNG	Cheniere Marketing, LLC	Order granting long-term multi-contract authority to export LNG by vessel from proposed Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project to free trade agreement nations.
3165	10/18/12	12-115-LNG	Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P.	Order granting blanket authority to export LNG by vessel to Canada/Mexico.
3166	10/18/12	12-124-NG	Family Energy Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3167	10/18/12	12-133-NG	Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3168	10/18/12	12-134-NG	The Southern Connecticut Gas Company.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3169	10/18/12	12-135-NG	EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3170	10/18/12	12-136-NG	Bay State Gas company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3171	10/18/12	12-137-NG	Boston Gas Company	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3172	10/18/12	12-138-NG	The Brooklyn Union Gas Company d/b/a National Grid NY.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3173	10/18/12	12-139-NG	Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3174	10/18/12	12-140-NG	Keyspan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3175	10/18/12	12-141-NG	The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3176	10/18/12	12-142-NG	Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3177	10/18/12	12-143-NG	Alberta Northeast Gas, Limited.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3178	10/18/12	12-144-NG	Northeast Gas Markets LLC	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3179	10/24/12	12-125-NG	Glacial Natural Gas, Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3180	10/24/12	12-129-NG	Yankee Gas Services Company.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3181	10/24/12	12-130-NG	National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3182	10/24/12	12-131-NG	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3183	10/24/12	12-132-NG	Northern Utilities, Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3184	10/24/12	12-150-LNG	MC Global Gas Corporation	Order granting blanket authority to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DOE Response to Recommendation 2012-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On September 28, 2012 the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board submitted Recommendation 2012-2, concerning *Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy*, to the Department of Energy. In accordance with section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the following represents the Secretary of Energy's response to the Recommendation.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Petras, Nuclear Engineer, Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Office of Health, Safety and Security, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 9, 2013.

Mari-Josette Campagnone,

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Office of Health, Safety and Security.

January 7, 2013

The Honorable Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Energy (DOE) acknowledges receipt of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2012-2, *Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy*, issued on September 28, 2012, published in the Federal Register on October 12, 2012, and accepts the Recommendation.

The Board acknowledged in its Recommendation that some improvements had been made to the specific administrative controls used for flammable gas monitoring, but noted that more work was needed to make the ventilation system a credited safety

control. DOE agrees. In developing an Implementation Plan (IP), DOE will take the pragmatic and graded approach detailed below to address the sub recommendations that will significantly improve the robustness of flammable gas controls in the near term. DOE is confident this is the most expeditious approach to implement a more robust safety control for Double Shell Tank (DST) ventilation monitoring consistent with the intent of Recommendation 2012-2.

DOE's approach to addressing sub recommendations 1 and 2 will be divided into the following 3 phases:

- Phase 1 will be to complete implementing the DOE-approved Documented Safety Analysis by January 2013. This will include supplementing the flammable gas monitoring control with a new control that will measure ventilation flow through each tank on a periodic basis. This Documented Safety Analysis will establish priorities for DST primary tank ventilation system maintenance, commensurate with the importance of maintaining active ventilation on these tanks.

- Phase 2 will be to install initial safety-significant instrumentation for real-time monitoring of the ventilation exhaust flow from each DST that will not involve confined-space, radiological pit entry for data collection as is currently required. At this point, a robust safety-significant engineered control will be in place to provide exact flow measurement through each tank in real-time.

- Phase 3 will be to refine the tank flow real-time monitoring to make the monitoring data available at remote locations.

Remaining actions associated with sub recommendations 3 through 5 to reduce the potential hazards posed by gas release events will also be identified in the IP and will address:

- Restoring and upgrading existing installed non-safety-related equipment being used to fulfill safety functions at the Hanford Tank Farms to the appropriate safety classification.
- Implementing compensatory measures in the event of DST ventilation systems become unavailable.
- Evaluating the means to reduce flammable gases retained in the DST waste.

DOE is committed to the safe operation of its nuclear facilities consistent with the principles of Integrated Safety Management and the Department's nuclear safety requirements. DOE values the Board's input on how the Department can improve its activities. We look forward to working with the Board and its staff

on preparing DOE's IP for Recommendation 2012-2. I have assigned the Manager, Office of River Protection, to be the Department's responsible manager for this Recommendation. He can be reached at (509) 376-8830.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. David Huizenga, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, at (202) 586-7709.

Sincerely,
Steven Chu

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 12690-005]

Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, WA; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission or FERC's) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects reviewed the Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington's (Snohomish PUD) application for a 10-year pilot license for the proposed Admiralty Inlet Tidal Project No. 12690, which would be located in Admiralty Inlet in Puget Sound, near the City of Port Townsend, in Island County, Washington, and has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE/EA-1949). In the EA, Commission staff analyzed the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at 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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659. A copy of the EA can also be found on DOE's Public Reading