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*Needs and Uses:* The Grace Period Study survey is used by foreign governments, researchers, and other stakeholders to evaluate the effects of premature disclosure of patentable inventions or ideas on researchers' failures to apply for or receive patents. The USPTO will use the survey to gather data to estimate the value of lost commercial opportunities in Europe due to the lack of adequate patent grace periods in many European countries.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits and non-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before June 21, 2013 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to *Nicholas\_A\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: May 17, 2013.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

[FE Docket Nos. 12-73-NG, 12-161-LNG, 13-12-NG, 13-18-NG, 13-20-NG, 13-25-NG, 13-04-LNG, 13-06-LNG, 11-38-NG, 13-15-NG, 13-27-NG, 13-29-NG, 13-31-NG, 13-33-NG, 13-34-NG, 13-36-NG, 13-37-NG, 13-24-NG, 13-28-LNG, and 13-32-LNG]

**Constellation Energy Commoditiesgroup, Inc., ENI USA Gas Marketing LLC, Sequent Energy Canada Corp., Alpha Gas and Electric, LLC, H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc. Nextera Energy Power Marketing, LLC, Trunkline LNG Export, LLC, Gasfin Development USA LLC, Louis Dreyfus Energy Services L.P. Fortisbc Energy Inc., Gazprom Marketing & Trading USA, Inc., Liquiline LNG Solutions Corporation, El Paso Marketing Company, L.L.C., Superior Plus Energy Services Inc., Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc., Ecogas Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V., Citigroup Energy Canada ULC, Gulf LNG Energy, L.L.C., and, Logistic Energy and PetroleumServices Inc.; Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, To Import Liquefied Natural Gas, To Export Liquefied Natural Gas, and Vacating Prior Authority During March 2013**

**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 March 2013, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas and liquefied natural gas and vacating prior authority. 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 May 6, 2013.

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**Appendix**

**DOE/FE Orders Granting Import/Export Authorizations**

Order No.	Date issued	FE Docket No.	Authorization holder	Description of action
3137-A .....	03/05/13	12-73-NG ...	Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc.	Order vacating blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3247 .....	03/05/13	12-161-LNG	ENI USA Gas Marketing LLC.	Order granting blanket authority to export previously imported LNG by vessel.
3248 .....	03/05/13	13-12-NG ...	Sequent Energy Canada Corp.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3249 .....	03/05/13	13-18-NG ...	Alpha Gas and Electric LLC.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada, to import LNG from Canada by truck, to export LNG to Canada by vessel, to export LNG to Canada by truck, and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3250 .....	03/05/13	13-20-NG ...	H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico.

Order No.	Date issued	FE Docket No.	Authorization holder	Description of action
3251 .....	03/05/13	13-25-NG ...	NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3252 .....	03/07/13	13-04-LNG	Trunkline LNG Export, LLC.	Order granting long-term multi-contract authority to export LNG by vessel from the Lake Charles LNG Terminal to Free Trade Agreement nations.
3253 .....	03/07/13	13-06-LNG	Gasfin Development USA, LLC.	Order granting long-term multi-contract authority to export LNG by vessel from the proposed Gasfin LNG Export Project in Parish, Louisiana, to Free Trade Agreement nations.
2940-A .....	03/15/13	11-38-NG ...	Louis Dreyfus Energy Services L.P.	Order vacating blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico.
3254 .....	03/15/13	13-15-NG ...	FortisBC Energy Inc ....	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada, and to import/export LNG from/to Canada by truck.
3255 .....	03/15/13	13-27-NG ...	Gazprom Marketing & Trading USA, Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3256 .....	03/15/13	13-29-NG ...	Liquiline LNG Solutions Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico, to import LNG from Canada/Mexico by truck, to export LNG to Canada/Mexico by vessel, and to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3257 .....	03/15/13	13-31-NG ...	El Paso Marketing Company, L.L.C.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico.
3258 .....	03/15/13	13-33-NG ...	Superior Plus Energy Services Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3259 .....	03/15/13	13-34-NG ...	Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3260 .....	03/22/13	13-36-NG ...	St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to export natural gas to Canada.
3261 .....	03/22/13	13-37-NG ...	Ecogas Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V.	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada and to export natural gas to Mexico.
3262 .....	03/26/13	13-24-NG ...	Citigroup Energy Canada ULC.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3263 .....	03/26/13	13-28-LNG	Gulf LNG Energy, L.L.C.	Order granting blanket authority to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.
3264 .....	03/26/13	13-32-LNG	Logistic Energy and Petroleum Services Inc.	Order granting blanket authority to import LNG from various international sources by vessel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM93-11-000]

#### Revisions to Oil Pipeline Regulations Pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 1992; Notice of Annual Change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods

The Commission's regulations include a methodology for oil pipelines to change their rates through use of an index system that establishes ceiling levels for such rates. The Commission bases the index system, found at 18 CFR 342.3, on the annual change in the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods (PPI-FG), plus two point six five percent (PPI-FG + 2.65). The Commission determined in an "Order Establishing Index For Oil Price Change Ceiling Levels" issued December 16, 2010, that PPI-FG + 2.65 is the appropriate oil pricing index factor for

pipelines to use for the five-year period commencing July 1, 2011.<sup>1</sup>

The regulations provide that the Commission will publish annually, an index figure reflecting the final change in the PPI-FG, after the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes the final PPI-FG in May of each calendar year. The annual average PPI-FG index figures were 190.5 for 2011 and 194.2 for 2012.<sup>2</sup>

Thus, the percent change (expressed as a decimal) in the annual average PPI-FG from 2011 to 2012, plus 2.65 percent, is positive 0.045923.<sup>3</sup> Oil pipelines must

<sup>1</sup> 133 FERC ¶ 61,228 at P 1 (2010).

<sup>2</sup> Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes the final figure in mid-May of each year. This figure is publicly available from the Division of Industrial Prices and Price Indexes of the BLS, at 202-691-7705, and in print in August in Table 1 of the annual data supplement to the BLS publication *Producer Price Indexes* via the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ppi/home.htm>. To obtain the BLS data, scroll down to "PPI Databases" and click on "Top Picks" of the Commodity Data including stage-of-processing indexes (Producer Price Index—PPI). At the next screen, under the heading "Producer Price Index Commodity Data," select the first box, "Finished goods—WPUSOP3000," then scroll all the way to the bottom of this screen and click on Retrieve data.

<sup>3</sup>  $[194.2 - 190.5]/190.5 = 0.019423 + 0.0265 = 0.045923$ .

multiply their July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, index ceiling levels by positive 1.045923<sup>4</sup> to compute their index ceiling levels for July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, in accordance with 18 CFR 342.3(d). For guidance in calculating the ceiling levels for each 12 month period beginning January 1, 1995,<sup>5</sup> see *Explorer Pipeline Company*, 71 FERC ¶ 61,416 at n.6 (1995).

In addition to publishing the full text of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print this Notice via the Internet through FERC's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) and in FERC's Public Reference Room during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time) at 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426. The full text of this Notice is available on FERC's Home Page at the eLibrary link. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of

<sup>4</sup>  $1 + 0.045923 = 1.045923$ .

<sup>5</sup> For a listing of all prior multipliers issued by the Commission, see the Commission's Web site, <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/oil/gen-info/pipeline-index.asp>.