DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research and Development Program 2013 Annual Plan

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of report availability.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Summary [Excerpted from the 2013 Annual Plan]

This 2013 Annual Plan is the seventh research plan for the Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Research Program since the launch of the program in 2007.

This plan reflects the program’s focus on safety and environmental sustainability that was initiated in the 2011 plan, and is consistent with the President’s Office of Management and Budget directive for research that has significant potential public benefits.

Onshore, research on Unconventional Resources focuses on protecting groundwater and air quality, understanding rock and fluid interactions, and integrated environmental protection, including water treatment technologies and water management. For small producers, the program focuses on extending the life of mature fields in an environmentally sustainable way.

Offshore, research on Ultra-Deepwater emphasizes improved understanding of systems risk, reducing risk through the acquisition of real-time information, and reducing risk through the development of advanced technologies.

The research activities described in this plan will be administered by the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA), which operates under the guidance of the Secretary of Energy. RPSEA is a consortium which includes representatives from industry, academia, and research institutions. The expertise of RPSEA’s members in all areas of the exploration and production value chain ensures that the Department of Energy’s research program leverages relevant emerging technologies and processes, and that project results will have a direct impact on practices in the field.

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Guido DelHorrato, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, Office of Fossil Energy.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13–504–000]

UGI LNG, Inc.; Notice of Application

On June 17, 2013, UGI LNG, Inc. (UGI LNG) filed a request pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, and Part 157 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission. UGI LNG seeks authorization to construct additional liquefaction capacity at an existing liquefaction plant at its Temple liquefied national gas storage facility located in Ontelaunee Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. As more fully described in the application, the new facilities would improve the capability and operational efficiency of the facility. UGI LNG requests authority by December 31, 2013 to allow the upgraded facility to commence operation by the Fall of 2014.

Questions regarding this application may be directed to Frank H. Markle, Counsel for UGI LNG, by calling 610–768–3625, or by emailing markle@ugicorp.com.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review (NSER). If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff’s issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission’s public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a NSER will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission’s review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission’s rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the