

any volumes exported under Southern LNG's existing long-term export authorization, will not exceed 130 Bcf in any annual (consecutive 12-month) period.

### DOE/FE Evaluation

The portion of the Application seeking authority to export LNG on a short-term basis to non-FTA countries will be reviewed pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(a), and DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. In reviewing this 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. As part of this analysis, DOE will consider the following two studies examining the cumulative impacts of exporting domestically produced LNG:

- *Effect of Increased Levels of Liquefied Natural Gas on U.S. Energy Markets*, conducted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration upon DOE's request (2014 EIA LNG Export Study)<sup>1</sup> and
- *The Macroeconomic Impact of Increasing U.S. LNG Exports*, conducted jointly by the Center for Energy Studies at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy and Oxford Economics, on behalf of DOE (2015 LNG Export Study).<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- *Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014);<sup>3</sup> and
- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014).<sup>4</sup>

Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues and documents in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Application.

<sup>1</sup> The 2014 EIA LNG Export Study, published on Oct. 29, 2014, is available at: <https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/fe/>.

<sup>2</sup> The 2015 LNG Export Study, dated Oct. 29, 2015, is available at: [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113\\_macro\\_impact\\_of\\_lng\\_exports\\_0.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/20151113_macro_impact_of_lng_exports_0.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> The Addendum and related documents are available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/draft-addendum-environmental-review-documents-concerning-exports-natural-gas-united-states>.

<sup>4</sup> The Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/life-cycle-greenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefied-natural-gas-united-states>.

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. FLEX states that no new construction or changes to the Liquefaction Project facilities will be required for the short-term exports requested in the Application. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

Interested persons will be provided 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, or motions for additional procedures.

### 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. Interested parties will be provided 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention.

Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. 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.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov), with FE Docket No. 18-15-LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 18-15-LNG. **Please Note:** If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure

that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

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. 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 is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Regulation and International Engagement docket room, 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>.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 23, 2018.

**Robert J. Smith,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Natural Gas (Acting), Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG]

**Pieridae Energy (USA), Ltd.**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of change in control.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of two related Notices of Change in Control (Notice or, collectively, Notices) filed by Pieridae Energy (USA), Ltd. (Pieridae US) in the above-referenced docket. The first Notice, filed on May 21, 2017, described a planned change in control of Pieridae Energy Limited, the parent company of Pieridae US. In the second Notice, filed on November 1, 2017, Pieridae US confirmed that the planned change in

control had occurred. The Notices were filed under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

**DATES:** Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, March 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronic Filing by email:* [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov).

*Regular Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, DC 20026-4375.

*Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.):* U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larine Moore or Amy Sweeney, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478; (202) 586-2627.

Cassandra Bernstein, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Change in Control**

As noted, Pieridae US filed two related Notices of Change in Control in the above-referenced docket under section 3 of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b. In the first Notice filed on May 21, 2017,<sup>1</sup> Pieridae US asserted that: (i) It is wholly-owned at all times by Pieridae Energy Limited; (ii) on May 15, 2017, Pieridae Energy Limited and Pétrolia Inc. (Pétrolia), a Canadian public corporation, entered into an agreement which contemplated that, on or before August 15, 2017, Pétrolia would acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of Pieridae Energy Limited in exchange for shares of Pétrolia pursuant to a plan of arrangement effected under section 192 of the Canada Business Corporation Act; and (iii) immediately thereafter, Pétrolia and Pieridae Energy Limited would amalgamate to form a new entity

to be named “Pieridae Energy Limited.” Pieridae US further asserted that completion of the plan of arrangement was subject to approval by the shareholders of Pétrolia and Pieridae Energy Limited. According to Pieridae US, the plan of arrangement, if completed, would result in a “reverse takeover” of Pétrolia pursuant to which the former shareholders of Pieridae Energy Limited would own, collectively, approximately 85% of the amalgamated corporation.

In the second Notice, filed on November 1, 2017,<sup>2</sup> Pieridae US confirmed that the plan of arrangement and amalgamation described in the first Notice became effective on October 24, 2017.<sup>3</sup>

Additional details can be found in the Notices, posted on the DOE/FE website at: <https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/06/f35/Change%20in%20Control%20-%20Notification%20-%20FE%20Docket%20No.%2014-179-LNG.pdf> (May 21, 2017) and [https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/11/f39/CIC14-179-LNG11\\_01\\_17.pdf](https://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/11/f39/CIC14-179-LNG11_01_17.pdf) (November 1, 2017).

**DOE/FE Evaluation**

DOE/FE will review the two Notices in accordance with its Procedures for Changes in Control Affecting Applications and Authorizations to Import or Export Natural Gas (CIC Revised Procedures).<sup>4</sup> Consistent with the CIC Revised Procedures, this notice addresses only the Pieridae US proceeding in which a final authorization has been issued to export LNG to non-free trade agreement (non-FTA) countries. The affected proceeding is FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG. If no interested person protests the change in control and DOE takes no action on its own motion, the change in control will be deemed granted 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. If one or more protests are submitted, DOE will review any motions to intervene, protests, and answers, and will issue a determination as to whether the proposed change in control has been demonstrated to render the underlying

authorization inconsistent with the public interest.

**Public Comment Procedures**

Interested persons will be provided 15 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in order to move to intervene, protest, and answer Pieridae US's Notices. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited in response to this notice only as to the change in control described in Pieridae US's Notices.<sup>5</sup> All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by DOE's regulations in 10 CFR part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Preferred method: Emailing the filing to [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov), with the individual FE Docket Number(s) in the title line, or Pieridae Change in Control in the title line to include all applicable dockets in this Notice; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to the individual FE Docket Number(s) in the title line, or Pieridae Change in Control in the title line to include all applicable dockets in this Notice. **Please note:** If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

The Notices and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Regulation and International Engagement docket room, 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.,

<sup>1</sup> Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd., FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG, Notice of Change in Control (May 21, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd., FE Docket No. 14-179-LNG, Notice of Change in Control (Nov. 1, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> Pieridae US is advised that its described change in control may also require the approval of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). DOE expresses no opinion regarding the need for review by CFIUS. Additional information may be obtained at: <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/international/Pages/Committee-on-Foreign-Investment-in-US.aspx>.

<sup>4</sup> 79 FR 65541 (Nov. 5, 2014).

<sup>5</sup> Intervention, if granted, would constitute intervention only in the change in control portion of this proceeding, as described herein.

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Notices 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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**Robert J. Smith,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Natural Gas (Acting), Office of Fossil Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EC18-59-000.

*Applicants:* Ormat Technologies, Inc., U.S. Geothermal Inc.

*Description:* Application For Authorization Pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, et al. of Ormat Technologies, Inc., et al.

*Filed Date:* 2/20/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180220-5333.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/13/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-893-000.

*Applicants:* PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: Revisions to the OATT to clean-up Part IV & Part VI re: Interconnection Process to be effective 4/23/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180221-5119.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/14/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-894-000.

*Applicants:* Southern California Edison Company.

*Description:* Tariff Cancellation: Notice of Cancellation LGIA Oro Verde Solar Project SA No. 150 to be effective 4/24/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/22/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180222-5019.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/15/18.

*Docket Numbers:* ER18-895-000.

*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 1628R11 Western Farmers Electric Cooperative NITSA NOA to be effective 2/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/22/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180222-5021.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/15/18.

Take notice that the Commission received the following foreign utility company status filings:

*Docket Numbers:* FC18-1-000.

*Applicants:* Parry Energy Storage, LP.

*Description:* Notification of Self-

Certification of Foreign Utility Company Status of Parry Energy Storage, LP.

*Filed Date:* 2/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180221-5138.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/14/18.

*Docket Numbers:* FC18-2-000.

*Applicants:* Elmira Energy Storage, LP.

*Description:* Notification Self-

Certification of Foreign Utility Company Status of Elmira Energy Storage, LP.

*Filed Date:* 2/21/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180221-5139.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/14/18.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: February 22, 2018.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-440-000.

*Applicants:* Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: FOS—FDLS—Agreement Effective Date to be effective 3/17/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/14/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180214-5086.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/26/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-443-000.

*Applicants:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: New Price Index—for IG Rate to be effective 4/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/15/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180215-5055.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-444-000.

*Applicants:* Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Fuel Retention Rates—Spring 2018 to be effective 4/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/15/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180215-5117.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-445-000.

*Applicants:* Toshiba Corporation, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

*Description:* Joint Petition for Clarification or, in the alternative, Limited Waiver of Toshiba Corporation, et al.

*Filed Date:* 2/15/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180215-5128.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/27/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-446-000.

*Applicants:* Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Amendment to Negotiated Rate Agreement—Oklahoma Natural Gas Company to be effective 2/16/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/16/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180216-5000.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/28/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-447-000.

*Applicants:* Empire Pipeline, Inc.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Fuel Tracker (Empire tracking Supply) Effective 04/01/18 to be effective

4/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/16/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180216-5162.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/28/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-448-000.

*Applicants:* Empire Pipeline, Inc.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: GT&C 4.1(f) Central Delivery/Receipt Points (Empire) to be effective 4/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/16/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180216-5177.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 2/28/18.

*Docket Numbers:* RP18-449-000.

*Applicants:* National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Appalachian Zones & Central Delivery/Receipt Points to be effective 4/1/2018.

*Filed Date:* 2/16/18.

*Accession Number:* 20180216-5179.