

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 4639–032]

**Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process**

a. *Type of Application:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 4639–032.

c. *Date filed:* September 20, 2018.

d. *Submitted by:* Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Christine Falls Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* Located on the Sacandaga River near Speculator, Hamilton County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Mr. Sayad Moudachirou, Licensing Manager, Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro LLC, 717 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 1A, Boston, MA 02111, Phone: 617–933–7206, Email: [sayad@ampersandenergy.com](mailto:sayad@ampersandenergy.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Brandi Sangunett, Phone: (202) 502–8393, Email: [brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov](mailto:brandi.sangunett@ferc.gov).

j. Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on September 20, 2018. Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC provided public notice of its request on September 24, 2018. In a letter dated November 1, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Ampersand Christine Falls Hydro, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://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](mailto:FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 4639. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by September 30, 2021.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: November 2, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP17–470–000]

**Freeport LNG Development, L.P., FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Train 4 Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Freeport LNG Train 4 Project (Project). Freeport LNG Development, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC (collectively referred to as Freeport LNG), request authorization (FERC Docket No. CP17–470–000) to site, construct, and operate pipeline, natural gas liquefaction and export facilities near Freeport in Brazoria County, Texas. The Project would be constructed as an expansion of Freeport LNG's existing Quintana Island Terminal (Terminal), as well as associated pretreatment and pipeline facilities, for the purpose of liquefying domestic natural gas for export.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Energy, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. A cooperating agency has jurisdiction by law or special expertise regarding environmental impacts involved with the proposal, and is involved in the NEPA analysis.

The EA addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following project facilities:

- One LNG train;
- one natural gas pretreatment unit;
- minor modifications to existing facilities, and
- 10.6 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes;

potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)), on the Environmental Documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis.asp>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>), click on General Search, and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP17–470). 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 (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments on or before December 3, 2018.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208–3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on the Project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the Project docket numbers (CP17–470–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

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). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

#### Questions?

Additional information about the Projects is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription that 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 [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Dated: November 2, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the

Commission's staff may attend the following meetings related to the transmission planning activities of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO):

#### NYISO Electric System Planning Working Group, Installed Capacity Market, Market Issues Working Group Meeting

November 6, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (EST)

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/documents.jsp?com=bic\\_espwg&directory=2018-11-06](http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/documents.jsp?com=bic_espwg&directory=2018-11-06).

#### NYISO Business Issues Committee Meeting

November 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (EST)

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: <http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/documents.jsp?com=bic&directory=2018-11-14>.

#### NYISO Operating Committee Meeting

November 15, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (EST)

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: <http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/documents.jsp?com=oc&directory=2018-11-15>.

#### NYISO Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting

November 15, 2018, 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. (EST)

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/documents.jsp?com=bic\\_espwg&directory=2018-11-15](http://www.nyiso.com/public/committees/documents.jsp?com=bic_espwg&directory=2018-11-15).

#### NYISO Electric System Planning Working Group, Installed Capacity Market, Market Issues Working Group Meeting

November 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (EST)

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.