DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 13–132–LNG]

Magnolia LNG LLC; Application for Amendment to Long-Term Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application for amendment (Application), filed on December 31, 2018, by Magnolia LNG LLC (Magnolia LNG). Previously, on November 30, 2016, in DOE/FE Order No. 3909, DOE/FE authorized Magnolia LNG to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the proposed Magnolia LNG Terminal, to be located near Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (Magnolia LNG Terminal), to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policies (non-FTA countries). DOE/FE Order No. 3909 authorizes Magnolia LNG to export LNG in a volume equivalent to 394.2 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas (1.08 Bcf per day) (Bcf/d). The Application requests a “capacity increase,” i.e., to increase Magnolia LNG’s approved non-FTA export volume to a total requested volume of 449 Bcf/yr (1.23 Bcf/d), which Magnolia states is equivalent to 8.8 million metric tons per annum (mtpa). Magnolia LNG states that this proposed increase will align its non-FTA export volume with the maximum LNG production for the Magnolia LNG Terminal, as requested in an application filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Magnolia LNG states is equivalent to 8.8 million metric tons per annum (mtpa) of LNG. Additional details can be found in Magnolia LNG’s Application, posted on the DOE/FE website at: https://fossil.energy.gov/regulation/sites/default/files/programs/MagnoliaLNG_App_AMEND12_31_18.pdf.

DOE/FE Evaluation

The Application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). This Notice applies only to the portion of the Application requesting authority to amend DOE/FE Order No. 3909 authorizing exports of LNG to non-FTA countries pursuant to section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717b(a). DOE/FE will review Magnolia LNG’s request to amend its FTA export authorizations in DOE/FE Order Nos. 3243 and 3406 separately pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. 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 study entitled, Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports (2018 LNG Export Study), and DOE/FE’s response to public comments received on that Study.

Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports


2 U.S. Dep’t of Energy, Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports: Response to Comments Received on Study; Notice of Response to Comments, 83 FR 67251 (Dec. 28, 2018).
of Natural Gas From the United States, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014); and

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.

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 environmental 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. Interested parties will be provided 60 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, with FE Docket No. 13–132–LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and 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, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in ADDRESSES. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 13–132–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, Analysis, and 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, notices 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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho Cleanup Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho Cleanup Project. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, February 21, 2019—8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The opportunities for public comment are at 10:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

This time is subject to change; please contact the Federal Coordinator (below) for confirmation of times prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Residence Inn Idaho Falls, 635 West Broadway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Bugger, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office, 1955 Fremont Avenue, MS–1203, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415. Phone (208) 526–0833; or email: buggerbp@id.doe.gov or visit the Board’s internet home page at: https://energy.gov/em/icpcab/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: (agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting; please contact Brad Bugger for the most current agenda):

• Recent Public Outreach
• Idaho Cleanup Project (ICP) Overview
• Update on Integrated Waste Treatment Unit (IWTU)
• Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project’s (AMWTP) Long-Term Mission Decision
• Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal
• Report from Subcommittee on DOE Redefinition of High-Level Waste Proposal
• Reports from Other Subcommittees and Board Organizational Topics

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Idaho Cleanup Project, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Brad Bugger at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral presentations pertaining to agenda items should contact Brad Bugger at the address or telephone number listed above. The request must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable