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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Change in Control

DECP is the owner and operator of the Dominion Cove Point LNG Terminal in Lusby, Maryland, and a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of Dominion Energy, Inc. The Notice filed by DECP describes a planned transaction in which Bowie Acquisitions LLC (the Investor) will acquire a minority 25% limited partnership interest in DECP. The Investor is an affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. DECP states that, as a minority partner, the Investor will have an economic interest in DECP, along with voting rights with respect to certain major decisions. DECP states that it will remain the holder of the export authorizations and there will be no change in the operations of the DECP Terminal as a result of the transaction. DECP states that the parties expect to close the transaction in December 2019. Additional details can be found in DECP's Notice, posted on the DOE/FE website at: [https://cms.doe.gov/sites/prod/files/2019/10/f68/DominionEnergyCovePoint\\_CIC\\_filing\\_10232019\\_0.pdf](https://cms.doe.gov/sites/prod/files/2019/10/f68/DominionEnergyCovePoint_CIC_filing_10232019_0.pdf).

##### DOE/FE Evaluation

DOE/FE will review DECP's Notice in accordance with its Procedures for Changes in Control Affecting Applications and Authorizations to Import or Export Natural Gas (CIC Procedures).<sup>1</sup> Consistent with the CIC Procedures, this notice addresses only the authorization granted to DECP to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-free trade agreement (non-FTA) countries in DOE/FE Order No. 3331-A (FE Docket No. 11-128-LNG), and the non-FTA portion of the authorization issued in DOE/FE Order No. 4046 (FE Docket No. 16-205-LNG).<sup>2</sup> If no interested person protests the change in control and DOE takes no action on its own motion, the proposed 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.

<sup>1</sup> 79 FR 65541 (Nov. 5, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> DECP's Notice also applies to its existing FTA authorizations, but DOE/FE will respond to that portion of the Notice separately pursuant to the CIC Procedures, 79 FR 65542.

#### 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 DECP's Notice. 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 DECP's Notice, and only with respect to DECP's non-FTA authorizations. 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); (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 the individual FE Docket Number(s) in the title line, or Dominion Energy Cove Point LNG, LP Change in Control in the title line. *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.

DECP's Notice and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments are 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 Notice and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, 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>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 14, 2019.

**Amy Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 19-133-LNG]

##### **Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC; Application for Blanket Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries on a Short-Term Basis**

**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 (Notice) of receipt of an application (Application), filed on October 11, 2019, by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (Sabine Pass). Sabine Pass requests blanket authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 600 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas on a cumulative basis over a two-year period commencing on January 16, 2020. Sabine Pass seeks to export this LNG from the Sabine Pass Liquefaction Project (Liquefaction Project), located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Sabine Pass filed the Application under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

**DATES:** Protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, 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, December 20, 2019.

##### **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, Analysis, and 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, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Benjamin Nussdorf or Amy Sweeney, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7893 or (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:** Sabine Pass requests a short-term blanket authorization to export LNG from its Liquefaction Project to any country with the capacity to import LNG via ocean-going carrier and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. This includes both countries with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries) and all other countries (non-FTA countries). This Notice applies only to the portion of the Application requesting authority to export LNG to non-FTA countries pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).<sup>1</sup> DOE/FE will review Sabine Pass's request for a FTA export authorization separately pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

Sabine Pass requests this authorization on its own behalf and as agent for other entities who hold title to the LNG at the time of export. Additional details can be found in the Application, posted on the DOE/FE website at: <https://www.energy.gov/fe/downloads/sabine-pass-liquefaction-llc-fe-dkt-no-19-133-lng>.

#### DOE/FE Evaluation

In reviewing Sabine Pass's request, 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),<sup>2</sup> and DOE/FE's response to public comments received on that Study.<sup>3</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>4</sup> and
- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014).<sup>5</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.

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 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. 19-133-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. 19-133-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>.

<sup>2</sup> See NERA Economic Consulting, *Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports* (June 7, 2018), available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/06/f52/Macroeconomic%20LNG%20Export%20Study%202018.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> 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).

<sup>4</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>5</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>. On September 19, 2019, DOE/FE gave notice of an update to the LCA GHG Report, and that proceeding is on-going. See U.S. Dep't of Energy, *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States: 2019 Update*, 84 FR 49278 (Sept. 19, 2019).

<sup>1</sup> Sabine Pass's existing non-FTA blanket authorization will expire on January 29, 2020. *Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4150, FE Docket No. 17-161-LNG, Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal Located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (Jan. 30, 2018).

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 14, 2019.

Amy Sweeney,

Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Energy Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Extension

**AGENCY:** U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** EIA requests the reinstatement with changes of the Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) Forms EIA 457-A, C, D, E, F and G under OMB Control Number 1905-0092, as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. RECS collects data on energy characteristics, consumption, and expenditures for the residential sector of the United States and is comprised of six forms including: Form EIA 457-A *Household Survey*, Form EIA 457-C *Rental Agent Survey*, Form EIA 457-D *Energy Supplier Survey: Household Propane Usage*, Form EIA 457-E *Energy Supplier Survey: Household Electricity Usage*, Form EIA 457-F, *Energy Supplier Survey: Household Natural Gas Usage*, Form EIA 457-G *Energy Supplier Survey: Household Fuel Oil/Kerosene Usage*. These forms will be used to collect data and produce household energy usage estimates for calendar year 2020.

**DATES:** EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than January 21, 2020. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments by mail to James Berry, RECS Survey Manager, EI-22, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Submit comments electronically by email to [james.berry@eia.gov](mailto:james.berry@eia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you need additional information or copies of the information collection instrument, send your request to James Berry by phone at (202) 586-5543, or by email to [james.berry@eia.gov](mailto:james.berry@eia.gov). You can view Forms EIA-457 A, C, D, E, F, and

G online at: <https://www.eia.gov/survey/#eia-457>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No.: 1905-0092;

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Residential Energy Consumption Survey;

(3) *Type of Request:* Renewal with changes;

(4) *Purpose:* The RECS is a nationwide study of energy use in housing units and includes a series of data collections from households, rental agents (e.g., apartment managers), and household energy suppliers. RECS data include official statistics about the energy characteristics, consumption, and expenditures of U.S. homes. EIA has conducted the RECS periodically since 1978 and the 2020 RECS will be the 15th data collection for the program.

Form EIA 457-A: *Household Survey* collects information on the presence and characteristics of a wide range of energy consuming devices in homes, including heating and cooling equipment, appliances, and electronics. The Household Survey also asks respondents about key structural features and demographic characteristics that impact energy usage. Form EIA 457-C: *Rental Agent Survey* collects higher quality energy characteristics information about which Household Survey respondents in rented homes may not be able to answer. This information includes the equipment type and fuel for space heating and water heating. Forms EIA 457-D, E, F, and G: *Energy Supplier Surveys* collect monthly electricity and natural gas billing data from Household Survey respondent energy suppliers (e.g., utilities), and periodic propane and fuel oil delivery data from bulk fuel suppliers.

RECS is integral to EIA's mandate to collect and publish energy end-use consumption data. RECS reports and data represent the most comprehensive national and sub-national results available on energy consumption in homes. RECS is the only national data series that allows policy makers and program implementers in both public and private organizations to analyze trends in energy consumption for the residential sector. RECS fulfills planning, analyses, and decision-making needs of DOE, other Federal agencies, state governments, utilities, researchers, and energy analysts in the private sector.

(4a) *Proposed Changes to Information Collection:* EIA will use Web and mail questionnaires as the modes of collection for Form EIA 457-A:

*Household Survey.* This design feature for the 2020 RECS represents a change from prior collection cycles of RECS where computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) was the primary method for collecting household energy characteristics data. In 2014, EIA piloted three tests of Web and mail questionnaires to determine the feasibility of using these alternative data collection methods. Based on extensive analysis of sample representativeness, nonresponse bias, and data quality, EIA determined that Web and mail were viable modes for the 2020 and future RECS data collections.

Using Web and mail modes allows EIA to expand the targeted number of completed cases for the RECS. EIA anticipates collecting 2020 RECS Household Survey responses for approximately 20,000 households. With a larger sample, EIA will produce more precise estimates for key energy metrics, as well as produce some estimates for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

EIA proposes to update the Household Survey to collect information on emerging technologies, traditional energy-consuming devices, and update some questions to improve data quality. EIA is proposing the following questionnaire updates based on changes in the residential housing market and stakeholder feedback. The new questions that are added reflect EIA's effort to collect the most relevant information necessary to estimate household energy use and to inform energy end-use modeling. The revised questions also improve response quality, minimize reporting burden, and reflect changes in technology. Questions were removed that had poor response quality from the last collection or where data are now available from alternative sources.

#### Question Additions

- (Your Home section) Add a series of questions to collect plug-in, all-electric, hybrid vehicle charging infrastructure and charging behavior. Plug-in electric vehicles are an emerging technology that can significantly impact a household's electricity consumption. These additional questions about charging behavior (e.g., how often and where the household charges) and the type of plug being used to charge (e.g., Level 1 or Level 2) will improve EIA's analysis of the impact of electric vehicle charging on household energy use.

- (Your Home) Add a question to collect major structural changes or renovations. EIA's estimates of space heating and air-conditioning consumption and cost rely heavily on