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Signed in Washington, DC, on November 20, 2019.

**Amy Sweeney,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Coal Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been renewed for a two-year period. The Council will continue to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on a continuing basis regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Sarkus at (412) 386-5981; or email: [thomas.sarkus@netl.doe.gov](mailto:thomas.sarkus@netl.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has diverse members who represent interests outside the coal industry, including the environment, labor, research, and academia.

The renewal of the Council has been deemed essential to the conduct of the Department's business and in the public interest in conjunction with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law. The Council will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and implementing regulations.

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**Rachael J. Beitler,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 19-134-LNG]

### Commonwealth LNG, LLC; Application for Long-Term, Multi-Contract 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 (Notice) of receipt of an application (Application), filed on October 16, 2019, by Commonwealth LNG, LLC (Commonwealth). The Application requests long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in an amount up to the equivalent of approximately 441.4 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas. Commonwealth seeks to export this LNG from its proposed natural gas liquefaction and export facilities (LNG Facility) to be located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Commonwealth 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 26, 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:**

Commonwealth requests long-term, multi-contract authorization to export LNG from its proposed LNG Facility in a volume up to 9.5 million metric tons per annum (mtpa), which it states is equivalent to approximately 441.4 Bcf/yr of natural gas. Commonwealth requests authorization to export the LNG to: (i) Any nation with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA nations), and (ii) any other nation with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA nations). 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). DOE/FE will review Commonwealth's request for a FTA export authorization separately pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

Commonwealth requests the authorization on its own behalf and as agent for other entities that will hold title to the LNG at the point of export. Commonwealth is seeking a 20-year term for the non-FTA authorization, commencing on the earlier of the date of first commercial export from the LNG Facility or seven years from the issuance of the requested authorization. Additional details can be found in Commonwealth's Application, posted on the DOE/FE website at: <https://www.energy.gov/fe/downloads/commonwealth-lng-llc-fe-dkt-no-19-134-lng>.

**DOE/FE Evaluation**

In reviewing Commonwealth'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>1</sup> and DOE/

<sup>1</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/>

FE's response to public comments received on that 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.

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. 19-134-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. 19-134-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: <https://www.energy.gov/fe/downloads/commonwealth-lng-llc-fe-dkt-no-19-134-Ing>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Notice of Orders Issued Under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act During October 2019**

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EAGLE LNG PARTNERS JACKSONVILLE LLC .....	16-15-LNG
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VENTURE GLOBAL PLAQUEMINES LNG, LLC .....	16-28-LNG
CENOVUS ENERGY MARKETING LTD .....	19-94-NG
CANADA IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED .....	19-114-NG
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DIRECT ENERGY MARKETING INC .....	19-117-NG
IRVING OIL TERMINALS OPERATIONS LLC .....	19-118-NG
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ALTAGAS MARKETING (U.S.) INC .....	19-113-NG
PEMEX TRANSFORMACIÓN INDUSTRIAL .....	19-115-NG
GAS NATURAL CAXITLAN, S. DE R.L. DE C.V. ....	19-119-NG
SUNCOR ENERGY MARKETING INC .....	19-120-NG
BLUE WATER FUELS, LLC .....	19-99-LNG
BLUE WATER FUELS, LLC .....	18-27-LNG

<sup>06/f52/Macroeconomic%20LNG%20Export%20Study%202018.pdf.</sup>

<sup>2</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>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>.

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).