ATVM Projects

Under the ATVM Statute, loans may, under applicable law, be made to borrowers for projects ("ATVM Eligible Projects") that are: (a) Financially viable without the receipt of additional Federal funding associated with the proposed project; and (b) automobile manufacturers, ultra-efficient vehicle manufacturers, or component suppliers to pay the costs of: (1) Reequipping, expanding, or establishing a manufacturing facility in the United States to produce qualifying advanced technology vehicles ("ATVs") or "qualifying components" for ATVs; and (2) engineering integration performed in the United States of ATVs and qualifying components.

Under the applicable provisions of the ATVM statute, DOE must limit its relevant support to "manufacturing facilities" producing ATVs and "qualifying components"—which are defined as products or equipment designed for, and installed in, ATVs for the purpose of meeting ATV performance requirements.

Examples of Potential Minerals Projects Under the ATVM Statute

Minerals or Minerals Production projects that may qualify for support under the ATVM Statute include, without limitation, the following:
1. Processing of Critical Minerals, including lithium, nickel, manganese, graphite, or cobalt, for use in electric vehicle battery systems for ATVs;
2. Processing or refining of aluminum, chromium, manganese, vanadium, or tin used for the light-weighting of ATVs;
3. Processing or refining of platinum group metals ("PGMs"), and the PGM catalysts from which they are derived, for use in hydrogen fuel cells and fuel cell electric vehicles that are ATVs; and
4. Processing of Critical Minerals (to include neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium, and terbium), for use in permanent magnets and permanent magnet electric motors for application in electric drive motors for qualifying ATVs; and
5. Other Critical Minerals projects that meet the criteria of the ATVM statute.

Early Discussion With LPO Regarding Potential Projects Is Encouraged

It is the preference of LPO to become involved with potential applicants as early as possible in the development of Title XVII and ATVM Eligible Projects. Therefore, potential applicants are encouraged to contact LPO before making a formal application, and as early as possible in the development of a potential project. The foregoing does not change or modify that current application process. LPO will respond in writing to any inquiry from the applicant regarding the status of an application within ten (10) business days after the date of such inquiry.

Potential applicants may inquire with LPO about opportunities for emerging areas involving Critical Minerals and other minerals by contacting LPO. For further information on the application process for either program, please see: https://www.energy.gov/lpo/loan-programs-office.

Preference for American Made Products

A preference will be given to those projects with a plan to utilize American made products and employ American workers.

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Disclaimer Regarding Agency Guidance

In accordance with Executive Order 13891 ("Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents," dated October 9, 2019), the information contained in this guidance: (i) Does not have the force and effect of law and is not meant to bind the public in any way; (ii) is intended only to provide clarity to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies, except as authorized by law or as incorporated into a contract; and (iii) will not be relied on by DOE as an independent basis for an enforcement action or other administrative penalty. Agencies may impose legally binding requirements on the public only through regulations and on parties on a case-by-case basis through adjudications, and only after appropriate process, except as authorized by law or as incorporated into a contract.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on November 24, 2020, by Dong Kim, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the Federal Register.

Signed in Washington, DC, on November 24, 2020.

Treena V. Garrett,
Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:
  Description: Tariff Amendment: TETLP ASA DEC 2020 Amendment Filing to be effective 12/1/2020.
  Filed Date: 11/20/20.
  Accession Number: 20201120–5055.
  Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/2/20.
  Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: TETLP 2020 ASA Settlement—Compliance Filing to be effective 12/1/2020.
  Filed Date: 11/20/20.
  Accession Number: 20201120–5018.
  Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/2/20.
  Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Expired Negotiated Rate Agreement—Eclipse Resources Marketing LP to be effective 12/21/2020.
  Filed Date: 11/20/20.
  Accession Number: 20201120–5041.
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  Filed Date: 11/20/20.
  Accession Number: 20201120–5055.
  Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/2/20.
  Docket Numbers: RP21–238–000. Applicants: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.
  Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: SWN Negot. Rate & Non-Conforming Agmt. to be effective 12/1/2020.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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[Docket No. RM98–1–000]
Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Anyone identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(iv).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission’s website at 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

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