

The licensee's proposal to replace the four existing turbines in the powerhouse with eight submersible turbine-generator units to be installed at the existing draft tube openings and construct a new substation and underground duct bank at the project remains the same in the revised amendment application. As with the initial proposal, the licensee proposes to decouple the existing generators, which would no longer be needed, and decommission and abandon them in place. The licensee expects the project's generating capacity to increase from 4.4 MW to 5.76 MW (rather than 5.6 MW, as initially proposed) while the hydraulic capacity would remain the same at 3,500 cfs (rather than a reduction in hydraulic capacity to 3,160 cfs, as initially proposed).

On September 30, 2024, the Commission issued a public notice for the initial amendment application. On October 30, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources filed comments on the proposal. DESC filed a response to comments on November 8, 2024. Given the substantial similarity between the initial and revised amendment applications, the Commission will not issue a new public notice for the revised amendment application.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project.¹ Commission staff plans to issue an EA by February 6, 2026. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate. The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period. All comments filed on the EA will be reviewed by staff and considered in the Commission's final decision on the proceeding.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Elizabeth Moats at 202-502-6632 or Elizabeth.OsierMoats@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF25-11-000]

Argent LNG, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned Argent LNG Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Argent LNG Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Argent LNG, LLC (Argent LNG) in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of an authorization. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 9, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during

the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission *before* the opening of this docket on September 8, 2025, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF25-11-000 to ensure they are considered.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern. Landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

Public Participation

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. 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." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (PF25-11-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription, which

makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to FERC Online to register for eSubscription.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Summary of the Planned Project

Argent LNG plans to site, construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) production and export facility along the northwest shore of the Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel (Belle Pass Channel) in Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. The Argent LNG Project would produce up to 25 million ton per annum of LNG for export to U.S. trading partners.

The Argent LNG Project would consist of the following facilities:

- pretreatment systems;
- natural gas liquefaction units;
- two aboveground full-containment LNG storage tanks;
- a 350-megawatt natural gas-fired power generation facility;
- marine facilities and two new marine berths capable of accommodating LNG carriers of up to 260,000 cubic meters; and
- a total of 0.7 mile of new dual 16-inch-diameter natural gas interconnect pipelines.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

The new LNG export terminal would be constructed on approximately 269.9 acres within a larger 885.5-acre leased property. The project also includes Marine Facilities that would impact a total of 147.1 acres (127.4 acres within the leased site and 19.7 acres within the Belle Pass Channel), and a total of 0.7 mile of new dual 16-inch-diameter natural gas interconnect pipelines that would tie into the existing Kinetica interstate pipeline system located near the site. Following construction, Argent LNG would maintain about 445 acres for

permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored.

NEPA Process and the Environmental Document

Any environmental document issued by Commission staff will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned project under the relevant general resource areas:

- geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- threatened and endangered species;
- cultural resources;
- socioeconomic;
- land use;
- air quality and noise; and
- reliability and safety.

Commission staff have already identified several issues that deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities and the environmental information provided by Argent LNG. This preliminary list of issues may change based on your comments and our analysis:

- marine transportation;
- socioeconomic effects; and
- facility construction and effects on water resources, wetlands, and marine species.

Commission staff will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the planned project or portions of the project and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas. Your comments will help Commission staff identify and focus on the issues that might have an effect on the human environment and potentially eliminate others from further study and discussion in the environmental document.

Although no formal application has been filed, Commission staff have already initiated a NEPA review under the Commission's pre-filing process. The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before the Commission receives an application. As part of the pre-filing review, Commission staff will contact federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the environmental document.

If a formal application is filed, Commission staff will then determine whether to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EA or the EIS will present Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues. If Commission

staff prepares an EA, a *Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment* will be issued. The EA may be issued for an allotted public comment period. The Commission would consider timely comments on the EA before making its determination on the proposed project. If Commission staff prepares an EIS, a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS/ Notice of Schedule* will be issued once an application is filed, which will open an additional public comment period. Staff will then prepare a draft EIS that will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS, and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any EA or draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary² and the Commission's natural gas environmental documents web page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). If eSubscribed, you will receive instant email notification when the environmental document is issued.

With this notice, the Commission is asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues related to this project to formally cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document.³ Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission is using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office(s), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.⁴

² For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

³ Cooperating agency responsibilities are addressed in Section 107(a)(3) of NEPA (42 U.S. Code § 4336(a)(3)).

⁴ The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called "eLibrary." For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (888) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

The environmental document for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov stating your request. You must include the docket number PF25-11-000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. *This email address is unable to accept comments.*

OR

(2) Return the attached "Mailing List Update Form" (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once Argent LNG files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request 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 <https://www.ferc.gov/how-intervene>. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project, after which the Commission will issue a public notice that establishes an intervention deadline.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. 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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-531-000 Palo Duro Transmission L.P.; Docket No. CP25-531-001 Palo Duro Pipelines (Texas Gathering), L.P.]

Notice of Amendment to Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on December 22, 2025, Palo Duro Transmission L.P. (Palo Duro) and Palo Duro Pipelines (Texas Gathering), L.P. (PD Gathering), 3500 Maple Ave., Suite #700, Dallas, Texas 75219, filed an amendment to its application in Docket No. CP25-531-000 under section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to amend its proposed Lease Agreement Project (Project) that was filed on August 1, 2025. Originally, Palo Duro proposed to utilize the entirety of this PD Pipeline to transport

natural gas in interstate commerce, moving north on the PD Pipeline and then through the leased capacity on the PD Gathering Header System.

Palo Duro affirms after the submission of the Project, potential new natural gas demand has been identified along the southern part of the PD Pipeline. As a result, Palo Duro is now selling the southern-most portion of the PD Pipeline to an affiliate, which will continue to operate this pipeline as a gathering system until the new demand is added. Accordingly, Palo Duro is amending its Project to include as its certificated pipeline only the 61 northern-most miles of the PD Pipeline that it will still own, extending through only Childress, Collingsworth, and Wheeler Counties. Other than the reduced length of the PD Pipeline included in the proposal and the corresponding reduction in rates, the Project is not otherwise changed, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Matt Flory, President and C.E.O., Producers Midstream II, LLC, 3500 Maple Ave., Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75219, by phone at (214)-238-5755, or by email at mflory@producersmidstream.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and

¹ 18 CFR 157.9.