

As relevant here, Order No. 4374 requires FLEX4 to “commence export operations using the planned liquefaction facilities no later than seven years from the date of issuance of this Order”—*i.e.*, by May 28, 2026.⁴ In the Request, FLEX4 asks DOE to grant an extension of the export commencement deadline in its non-FTA authorization, “so that it may commence export operations from the Train 4 Project by no later than December 1, 2031.”⁵

In support of this Request, FLEX4 asserts that it is unable to meet the current export commencement deadline due to unanticipated circumstances, including an explosion that occurred at the Terminal on June 8, 2022 (June 8 Incident), which resulted in the entire Terminal being taken offline. FLEX4 further states that, on June 18, 2025, FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC (FLIQ4), together with FLEX4’s affiliate Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (Freeport LNG), applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for an extension of the existing construction and in-service deadline for the Train 4 Project to December 1, 2031 (the same date as requested in this proceeding).⁶ FLEX4 also identifies the actions it has taken to date towards restoring and returning the Terminal to service and the development of the Train 4 Project. FLEX4 maintains that the Request “does not affect any requirements of its non-FTA authorization beyond providing for additional time to commence export operations.”⁷

Additional details can be found in the Request, posted on the DOE website at <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/FLEX4%20Request%20for%20Extension.pdf>.

DOE Evaluation

In reviewing the Request, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy under NGA section 3(a), DOE’s regulations, and any other documents deemed appropriate.

⁴ *Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4374, at 53 (Ordering Para. D).

⁵ *Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC*, Request for Extension of Export Commencement Deadline, Docket No. 18–26–LNG, at 6 (June 23, 2025) (emphasis in original) [hereinafter Request]; *see also id.* at 1–2.

⁶ *Id.* at 3. FLEX4 states that Freeport LNG and FLIQ4 previously have received two extensions of time from FERC to complete construction and place the Train 4 Project in service. *See id.* at 2. The third extension request filed on June 18, 2025, is currently pending at FERC and will “account for delays to the Train 4 Project schedule resulting from the June 8 Incident-related restoration activities.” *Id.* at 3.

⁷ *Id.* at 5.

Parties that may oppose the Request should address these issues and documents in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Request.

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, addressing the Request. Interested parties will be provided 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention. The public previously was given an opportunity to intervene in, protest, and comment on FLEX4’s long-term non-FTA application in this docket. Therefore, DOE will not consider comments or protests that do not bear directly on this Request.

Any person wishing to become a party to this proceeding evaluating FLEX4’s Request must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention.⁸ The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Request will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to this 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 Request. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by DOE’s regulations in 10 CFR part 590, including the service requirements.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- (1) Submitting the filing electronically at fergas@hq.doe.gov;
- (2) Mailing the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section; or
- (3) Hand delivering the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

For administrative efficiency, DOE prefers filings to be filed electronically.

⁸ Status as an intervenor in prior proceeding(s) in this docket does not continue to this proceeding evaluating FLEX4’s Request, and therefore any person interested in intervening to address the Request must file a new motion to intervene (or notice of intervention, as applicable). 10 CFR 590.303.

All filings must include a reference to “Docket No. 18–26–LNG” or “FLEX4 Request for Extension” in the title line.

For electronic submissions: 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.

The Request, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically on the DOE website at www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation.

A decisional record on the Request 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 Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Request and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 3, 2025.

Amy Sweeney,

Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 18–70–LNG]

Mexico Pacific Limited LLC; Application for an Amendment To Extend the Deadline for Commencement of Export Operations in Long-Term Authorization To Re- Export Liquefied Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) (formerly the Office of Fossil Energy (FE)) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice (Notice) of receipt of an application (Extension Application), filed on June 18, 2025, by Mexico Pacific Limited LLC (MXP). MXP asks DOE to amend its existing authorization

to re-export U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the proposed Saguaro Energía Facility (Facility), to be located in Mexico, to non-free trade agreement countries set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 4312 (as amended)—specifically, to extend the current export commencement deadline in its order. MXP filed the Extension Application under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention, as applicable, and written comments are to be filed electronically as detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, August 8, 2025.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by email (Strongly encouraged): fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Postal Mail, 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 and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-056, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Due to potential delays in DOE's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit filings electronically to ensure timely receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Cassandra Bernstein, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Energy Delivery and Resilience, Forrestal Building, Room 6D-033, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (240) 780-1691, cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 14, 2018, in Order No. 4312 (as amended),¹ DOE authorized MXP to re-export U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of LNG in a volume equivalent to 621 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas by vessel from the

proposed Facility, to be located in the State of Sonora, Mexico, to any country with which the United States has not entered into 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 policy (non-FTA countries), pursuant to NGA section 3(a).² MXP is authorized to re-export this LNG for a term extending through December 31, 2050.³

As relevant here, Order No. 4312 requires MXP to “commence re-export operations using the planned liquefaction facilities no later than seven years from the date of issuance of this Order”—i.e., by December 14, 2025.⁴ In the Extension Application, MXP asks DOE to extend “the current deadline to commence its export operations to December 14, 2032.”⁵

In support of the extension request, MXP asserts that it is unable to meet the current commencement of export operations deadline due to circumstances and challenges outside of its control. MXP states that, despite these challenges, it has “diligently and in good faith continuously made substantial efforts to advance the development of the Saguaro Energía Facility.”⁶ MXP identifies the actions it has taken to advance the proposed Facility and asserts that there is good cause for the requested extension. MXP further maintains that it requests only “a change in the deadline” to commence export operations and notes that “[t]he project's location and its target markets remain unchanged.”⁷

Additional details can be found in the Extension Application, posted on the DOE website at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/MXP%20Extension%20Request%20-%20FINAL%20for%20filing.pdf>.

DOE Evaluation

In reviewing the Extension Application, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy under NGA section 3(a), DOE's regulations, and any other documents deemed appropriate.

² 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).

³ *Mexico Pacific Limited LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4312, as amended by DOE/FECM Order No. 4312-A.

⁴ *Mexico Pacific Limited LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4312, at 49 (Ordering Para. D).

⁵ *Mexico Pacific Limited LLC*, Application for an Amendment to Extend the Commencement of Operations and Request for Expedited Action, Docket No. 18-70-LNG, at 4 (June 18, 2025) [hereinafter *Ext. App.*]; see also *id.* at 1. MXP states that it is not requesting any modification to its existing authorization to FTA countries (DOE/FE Order No. 4248, as amended). See *id.* at 4 n.11.

⁶ *Id.* at 12.

⁷ *Id.* at 17.

Parties that may oppose the Extension Application should address these issues and documents in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Extension 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.

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In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable, addressing the Extension Application. 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. The public previously was given an opportunity to intervene in, protest, and comment on MXP's long-term non-FTA application in this docket. Therefore, DOE will not consider comments or protests that do not bear directly on the Extension Application.

Any person wishing to become a party to this proceeding evaluating the Extension Application must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention.⁸ The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Extension Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to this 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 Extension Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by DOE's regulations in 10 CFR part 590, including the service requirements.

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¹ *Mexico Pacific Limited LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4312, Docket No. 18-70-LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas by Pipeline to Mexico for Liquefaction and Re-Export in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries (Dec. 14, 2018), amended by DOE/FECM Order No. 4312-A (June 3, 2022) (extending export term).

Engagement at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

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The Extension Application, and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and comments will be available electronically on the DOE website at www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation.

A decisional record on the Extension 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 Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Extension Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on July 3, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–60–000]

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC; Notice Of Schedule For The Preparation Of An Environmental Assessment For The Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate Amendment Project

On February 3, 2025, Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC filed an application in Docket No. CP25–60–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, and Part 157 of the Commission’s regulations to amend

Mountain Valley’s certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Southgate Project authorized by the Commission in Docket No. CP19–14–000.¹ The amended project known as the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) Southgate Amendment Project (Amendment Project) would increase the operating capacity from 375,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) to 550,000 Dth/d.

On February 18, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Amendment Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.² The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—October 3, 2025
90-day Federal Authorization Decision

Deadline³—January 1, 2026

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Project Description

In February 2020, FERC issued a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that analyzed the Southgate Project. On June 18, 2020, the Commission authorized the Southgate Project. MVP further evaluated the Southgate Project and proposes modifications as part of the Amendment Project.⁴

The Amendment Project includes modifications to the previously

authorized Southgate Project and would originate at Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC’s Zone 5 Compressor Station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and end in Rockingham County, North Carolina. The Amendment Project would remove the Lambert Compressor Station, decrease the length of the pipeline from 75.1 miles to 31.3 miles, increase the pipeline diameter from 16- and 24-inch diameters to 30-inch diameter, change the location of two meter (interconnect) stations, adopt several route variations for engineering and environmental reasons, remove four mainline valves, remove two cathodic protection groundbeds, and add two new contractor yards.

Background

On May 22, 2025, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate Amendment Project and Notice of Public Scoping Session* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from multiple stakeholders including the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation—Division of Natural Heritage; the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office; Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Appalachian Voices; a joint filing from Appalachian Voices, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Center for Biological Diversity, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, 7 Directions of Service, Sierra Club, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Wild Virginia, Katie Whitehead, and Robert McNutt; Virginia Scientist Community Interface; Chesapeake Climate Action Network; Southern Environmental Law Center; and 20 individuals.

The primary issues raised by the commenters are concerns regarding groundwater, waterbodies, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, forested areas, cumulative impacts, air emissions, and pipeline safety associated with the increased diameter and capacity. All substantive environmental comments will be addressed in the EA.

¹ *Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC*, 171 FERC ¶ 61,232 (2020).

² For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1751374027.

³ The Commission’s deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission’s deadline for other agency’s decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

⁴ Construction of the Southgate Project has not yet started.