

in a volume equivalent to approximately 657.5 Bcf/yr of natural gas for a term of 20 years to commence on the earlier of the date of first commercial export or seven years from the date that the Order is issued.

Concurrently with this Record of Decision, DOE/FE is issuing Order No. 4028, in which it finds that the requested authorization has not been shown to be inconsistent with the public interest, and that the Application should be granted subject to compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Order, including all terms and conditions described by MARAD in its ROD and/or imposed in MARAD's forthcoming deepwater port license for Delfin. Additionally, DOE/FE's authorization is conditioned on Delfin's receipt of all connected local, state, and federal permits (including FERC's authorization under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act for the Delfin Onshore Facility), and on Delfin's on-going compliance with any other preventative and mitigative measures imposed by other federal or state agencies.

Basis of Decision

DOE's decision is based upon the analysis of potential environmental impacts presented in the EIS, and DOE's determination in Order No. 4028 that it has not been shown that Delfin's proposed exports will be inconsistent with the public interest, as is required to deny Delfin's Application under NGA section 3(a). Although not required by NEPA, DOE/FE also considered the Addendum, which summarizes available information on potential upstream impacts associated with unconventional natural gas activities, such as hydraulic fracturing.

Mitigation

As a condition of its decision to issue Order No. 4028, DOE is imposing requirements that will avoid or minimize the environmental impacts of the proposed Liquefaction Facility. These conditions include the Best Management Practices, mitigation measures, and conditions in the MARAD ROD and forthcoming deepwater port license. Mitigation measures beyond those included in Order No. 4028 that are enforceable by other Federal and state agencies are additional conditions of Order No. 4028. With these conditions, DOE/FE has determined that all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the Delfin Liquefaction Project have been adopted.

Floodplain Statement of Findings

DOE prepared this Floodplain Statement of Findings in accordance with DOE's regulations, entitled "Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements" (10 CFR part 1022). The required floodplain assessment was conducted during development and preparation of the EIS (see Sections 4.11.1 of the EIS). The EIS determined that the proposed Delfin Onshore Facility site is classified as having a 1-percent-annual-chance of flooding. While the placement of these facilities within floodplains would be unavoidable, DOE has determined that the current design for the Delfin Liquefaction Project minimizes potential harm to or in the floodplain to the extent practicable.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 1, 2017.

Jarad Daniels,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM15-11-001]

Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events; Notice of Filing

Take notice that on May 30, 2017, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation submitted a preliminary work plan to conduct research on topics related to geomagnetic disturbances and their impacts on the reliability of the Bulk-Power System, pursuant to Order No. 830.¹

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¹ Order No. 830, *Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for Geomagnetic Disturbance Events*, 156 FERC ¶ 61,215 (2016), *reh'g denied*, Order No. 830-A, 158 FERC ¶ 61,041 (2017) ("Order No. 830").

to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant and all the parties in this proceeding.

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Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 23, 2017.

Dated: June 2, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 2615-044]

Madison Paper Industries, Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC, Merimil Limited Partnership, Brassua Hydroelectric Limited Partnership, Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application for Partial Transfer of License, Substitution of Relicense Applicant, and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On May 8, 2017, Madison Paper Industries (MPI), Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC (Brookfield), Merimil Limited Partnership (Merimil), Brassua Hydroelectric Limited Partnership (Brassua Partnership) (transferors/co-licensees) and Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC (transferee/Eagle Creek) filed a joint application for: (1) Partial transfer of license for the Brassua Storage Project, FERC No. 2615, located on the Moose River in Somerset County, Maine and (2) substitution of Eagle Creek for MPI as the applicant in the pending application for a new license