

significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and U.S. Coast Guard participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EA. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis.

Plaquemines LNG proposes to increase the Export Terminal's authorized peak liquefaction capacity achievable under optimal conditions from 24.0 metric ton per annum (MTPA) to 27.2 MTPA of liquid natural gas.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP22–92). 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 EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or

before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 6, 2023.

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

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

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature 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 must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "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 (CP22–92–000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. At this point in this proceeding, the timeframe for filing timely intervention requests has expired. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene out-of-time pursuant to Rule 214(b)(3) and (d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d)) and show good cause why the time limitation should be waived. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/how-intervene>.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs,

at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

Dated: January 6, 2023.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–66–001, Docket No. CP17–67–001]

Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC, Gator Express Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Amendment of Authorization and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on December 27, 2022, Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC (Plaquemines LNG) and Gator Express Pipeline, LLC (Gator Express), 1001 19th Street North, Suite 1500, Arlington, VA 22209, filed a variance request to increase the peak workforce up to 6,000 personnel per day, increase traffic volumes, and to implement a 24-hours-per-day, 7-days-per-week construction schedule for the Plaquemines LNG Project in compliance with Environmental Condition No. 1 of the Order issued by the Commission on September 30, 2019.¹ In addition, Plaquemines LNG is seeking approval for an additional parking/laydown area referred to as the State Highway 23 Yard.² If authorized, Plaquemines LNG's and Gator Express' variance request would modify their original

¹ *Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC and Venture Global Gator Express, LLC*, 168 FERC ¶ 61,204 (2019) (Authorization Order).

² The Authorization Order approved a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal and associated facilities along the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana under Section 3 of the NGA and a new natural gas pipeline system within Plaquemines Parish under Section 7 of the NGA.

authorization to such an extent that it is appropriate to treat this request as an amendment to the Natural Gas Act (NGA) Section 3 approval granted in the Authorization Order.³ Plaquemines LNG's and Gator Express' variance request (amendment) 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://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Fory Musser, Senior Vice President, Development, Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC, 202-759-6738, fmusser@ventureglobalng.com or J. Patrick Nevins, Counsel to Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC and Gator Express Pipeline, LLC, 202-637-3363, patrick.nevins@lw.com.

Plaquemines LNG is directed to provide this notice to all affected landowners and towns, communities, and local, state, and federal governments and agencies involved in the project within 10 business days of its publication in the **Federal Register**.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,⁴ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS)

or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

Public Participation

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 27, 2023.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before January 27, 2023.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP17-66-001 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP17-66-001).

To mail via USPS, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To send via any other courier, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,⁵ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁶ and the regulations under the NGA⁷ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is December 20, 2021. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as the your interest in the proceeding. [For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene.] For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://>

³ Plaquemines LNG's and Gator Express' variance request does not pertain to the pipeline facilities authorized for Gator Express in the Authorization Order so Section 7 of the NGA is not invoked.

⁴ 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.

⁵ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁶ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁷ 18 CFR 157.10.

www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP17–66–001 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP17–66–001.

To mail via USPS, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To mail via any other courier, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email at: J. Patrick Nevins, 1001 19th Street North, Suite 1500, Arlington, VA 22209 or at patrick.nevins@lw.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed⁸ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).⁹ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the

time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.¹⁰ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Intervention Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 27, 2023.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23–3–000]

Tres Palacios Gas Storage LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Tres Palacios Cavern 4 Expansion Project

On October 12, 2022, Tres Palacios Gas Storage LLC (Tres Palacios) filed an application in Docket No. CP23–3–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Authorization pursuant to sections 7(c) and 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas storage facilities. The proposed project is known as the Tres Palacios Cavern 4 Expansion Project

(Project), and would add approximately 6.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of new working gas capacity and 3.5 Bcf of base gas capacity at its existing natural gas storage facility in Matagorda County, Texas.

On October 26, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the 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.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—April 14, 2023
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline²—July 13, 2023

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

The Project would consist of the following facilities and activities, all in Matagorda County, Texas:

- conversion of an existing third-party brine production well (Trull 11) into a natural gas storage cavern (Cavern 4);
- development of the Trull 11 well pad site for Cavern 4 (Cavern 4 Well Pad);
- construction of a 0.6-mile-long, 16-inch-diameter pipeline (New Cavern 4 Pipeline) connecting Cavern 4 to the existing certificated facilities at the Storage Facility;
- abandonment in place of a 15,300 horsepower electric-motor driven centrifugal compressor unit;
- installation of a new 5,500 horsepower electric-motor driven reciprocating compressor unit;
- addition of a new 2.5 million British thermal units per hour dehydration unit;

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² 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.

⁸ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

⁹ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

¹⁰ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).