

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.* and 1087aa *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Availability of Response to Comments for 2024 LNG Export Study: Energy, Economic, and Environmental Assessment of U.S. LNG Exports

	Docket Nos.
Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC.	13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, & 15-25-LNG
Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC.	16-28-LNG
Commonwealth LNG, LLC	19-134-LNG
Port Arthur LNG Phase II, LLC	20-23-LNG
Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC	21-131-LNG
New Fortress Energy Louisiana FLNG LLC.	22-39-LNG
NFE Altamira FLNG, S. De R.L.de C.V.	22-110-LNG
Mexico Pacific Limited LLC	22-167-LNG
Gulfstream LNG Development, LLC.	23-34-LNG
Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC; CCL Midscale 8-9, LLC; and Cheniere Marketing, LLC.	23-46-LNG
Lake Charles Exports, LLC	23-87-LNG
Southern LNG Company, L.L.C	23-109-LNG
Magnolia LNG, LLC	23-137-LNG
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC.	24-27-LNG
Gato Negro Permitium Dos, S.A.P.I. de C.V.	24-87-LNG

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of response to comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of availability of its response to comments on the *2024 LNG Export Study: Energy, Economic, and Environmental Assessment of U.S. LNG Exports* (Study or 2024 LNG Export Study). DOE published a Notice of Availability of the 2024 LNG Export Study and Request for Comments on December 20, 2024, and accepted comments through March 20, 2025. DOE's response to comments and other Study materials are available electronically on DOE/FECM's website at: <https://fossil.energy.gov/app/docketindex/docket/index/30>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Beverly Howard, Docket Room Manager, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and

Engagement, Office of Resource Sustainability, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478, FERGAS@hq.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE is responsible for authorizing exports of domestically produced natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), to foreign countries under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).¹ Under the NGA, for an application to export domestically produced natural gas, including LNG, to countries that have no free trade agreement (FTA) with the United States, but with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries), DOE must grant the application, unless it finds that the proposed exportation will not be consistent with the public interest. Since 2012, to inform its public interest determination, DOE has commissioned multiple studies to help assess the various facets of the public interest that are affected by U.S. LNG exports, including how different levels of LNG exports could impact the U.S. economy, environmental and climate considerations, and energy security and international considerations.

On December 20, 2024, DOE published a Notice of Availability of the 2024 LNG Export Study and Request for Comments, opening a 60-day comment period.² As stated in the notice, the purpose of the 2024 LNG Export Study is to provide an update to DOE's prior analyses and understanding of how varying levels of U.S. LNG exports impact and inform DOE's statutory public interest determination in each of the above-listed non-FTA application proceedings and future non-FTA export proceedings.³ DOE invited comments on the Study and how it may inform DOE's public interest analysis. On February 5, 2025, DOE issued a notice extending the comment period through March 20, 2025.⁴ In total, the comment period was open for a period of 90 days.

DOE received over 100,000 comments on the 2024 LNG Export Study from a variety of sources, including participants in the natural gas industry, industrial users, environmental organizations, think-tanks, academics, and individuals. DOE has evaluated and

¹ 15 U.S.C. 717b. The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including LNG, under section 3 of the NGA has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redesignation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

² 89 FR 104132 (Dec. 20, 2024).

³ 89 FR 104133.

⁴ 90 FR 9018 (Feb. 5, 2025).

responded to all relevant substantive issues raised in the public comments submitted in response to the Study. As previously stated, DOE does not intend to revise the Study in response to the comments received. Instead, both the 2024 LNG Export Study, and the comments will inform DOE's determination of the public interest in each of the above listed non-FTA export application proceedings and future non-FTA proceedings. DOE's response to comments and other Study materials are available electronically on DOE/FECM's website at: <https://fossil.energy.gov/app/docketindex/docket/index/30>.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on May 19, 2025, by Tala Goudarzi, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, 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 May 19, 2025.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CD25-8-000]

3R Valve; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On May 9, 2025, 3R Valve filed a notice of intent to construct a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed Aquifer Pumped Hydro2 Project would have an installed capacity of 236 kilowatts (kW) and would be located at the Willow Springs Water Bank, also known as Antelope Valley Water Storage, near Rosamond, Kern County, California.

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FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, 202–502–6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The project would consist of: (1) four pump as turbine generating units with a total capacity of 236 kW and (2) appurtenant facilities.

The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 59 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A)	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii)	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii)	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed Aquifer Pumped Hydro2 Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is for agricultural and municipal use. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the operation of the project described above satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions To Intervene: Deadline for filing comments, comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria, and motions to intervene: June 12, 2025.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the “COMMENTS,” “COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY,” or “MOTION TO INTERVENE,” as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission’s regulations.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff’s preliminary determination that the

facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as comments or motions to intervene, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene and comments using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may send a paper copy. 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. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in

the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Locations of Notice of Intent: 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 website at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (*i.e.*, CD25–8) in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. Copies of the notice of intent can be obtained directly from the applicant. For assistance, call toll-free 1–866–208–3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Commonwealth LNG, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Commonwealth LNG Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001 through 2005 (2024).