

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15246-000]

#### **PacifiCorp; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications**

On October 13, 2021, PacifiCorp filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Winter Ridge Pumped Storage Project (Winter Ridge Project or project) to be located near Summer Lake and Paisley, Lake County, Oregon. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

Two alternatives are being considered for the Winter Ridge Project. Alternative 1 would consist of the following: (1) An upper reservoir approximately two miles west of Summer Lake with a surface area of 85 acres and a storage volume of approximately 4,285 acre-feet created by a 4,700-foot-long, 120-foot-high embankment dam; (2) a lower reservoir with a surface area of 43.6 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,156 acre-feet created by a 5,320-foot-long, 80-foot-high embankment dam; (3) a 2.23-mile-long steel penstock with a diameter of 15-feet connecting the upper reservoir with the

powerhouse/pump station; (4) a 150-foot-long, 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing three 167-megawatt generating/pumping units; (5) a 9.3-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's jointly owned Sycan substation; (6) a 19.2 mile underground pipeline diverting water from the Chewaucan River near Paisley to the project for initial and maintenance fill; and, (7) appurtenant facilities.

Alternative 2 would consist of the same facilities described in alternative 1 except: (1) The lower reservoir would have a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,000 acre-feet created by a 4,100-foot-long, 170-foot-high embankment dam; (2) the upper reservoir would connect to the powerhouse/pump station by a 0.9-mile-long excavated tunnel and 1.5-mile-long steel penstock both having a diameter of 15-feet; and (3) the transmission line would be 9.8 miles in length interconnecting to the same substation.

The estimated annual generation of the Winter Ridge Project would be 1,460 gigawatt-hours.

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*Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications:* 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://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 <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15246-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-15246) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

#### **Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the

official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the

Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited: None.		
Exempt:		
1. CP17-458-000 .....	12-14-2021	U.S. Congressman Tom Cole.
2. EL21-85-000, EL21-103-000 .....	12-17-2021	U.S. Congress. <sup>1</sup>

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP14-517-001]

#### Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Golden Pass LNG Export Variance Request No. 15 Amendment Project

On February 25, 2021 and supplemented on May 19, 2021, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (Golden Pass) filed a Golden Pass LNG Export Project Variance Request No. 15 Amendment (Amendment). The Amendment involves modification to the ongoing construction workforce and work hours at the authorized Golden Pass LNG Export Terminal, in Jefferson County, Texas. If authorized, the Amendment would increase the workforce numbers, amount of traffic volume, and work week/hour limits that were not previously reviewed during preparation of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Golden Pass LNG Export Project (Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000), which the Commission authorized on December 21, 2016. Golden Pass's proposed Amendment would increase construction to 24-hour-day and 7 days a week at the Golden Pass LNG Export Terminal throughout the remaining construction period, which it anticipates completing in 2025.

On November 3, 2021 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Amendment for the proposed project variance request No. 15. 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 Amendment and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—February 7, 2022  
90-Day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline—May 9, 2022

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

#### Project Amendment Description

Golden Pass identified the need for an increased workforce at the Golden Pass LNG Export Terminal site. The final EIS for the Golden Pass LNG Export Project reviewed a peak construction workforce of 2,900 employees; Golden Pass is requesting the authority to increase the potential peak workforce to 7,700 workers per day. Golden Pass is also requesting the authority to increase traffic volumes to accommodate the additional workforce, and a 7-day-per-week, 24-hour-per-day, construction schedule for the remaining construction period at the terminal site; Golden Pass anticipates completing the Golden Pass

LNG Export Project in 2025. There are no revisions to land requirements for the Amendment.

#### Background

On November 10, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Golden Pass LNG Export Variance Request No. 15 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 the Sierra Club, James D. Kemp, RESTORE, Alfred V. Duhamel, and Donald F. Breeden expressing concerns on light pollution, air quality, noise pollution, impacts on socioeconomics and environmental justice communities, greenhouse gas emissions, climate change, public health and safety, and access to non-proprietary information. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC

<sup>1</sup> Members of Congress, Sean Casten, Cheri Bustos, Bradley S. Schneider, and Danny K. Davis.

<sup>1</sup> 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).