

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**[Docket No. 25-155-LNG]****ST LNG, LLC; Application for Long-Term Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations****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) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice (Notice) of receipt of an application (Application), filed by ST LNG, LLC (ST LNG) on December 10, 2025. ST LNG requests long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to approximately 460 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas per year (Bcf/yr). ST LNG seeks to export this LNG from its proposed deepwater port (DWP) export terminal project, the ST LNG DWP Development Project (Project), to be located off the southeast coast of Matagorda, Texas, in the Gulf of America. ST LNG filed the 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, February 23, 2026.

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:

Jennifer Wade or Peri Ulrey, 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) 586-4749 or (202) 586-7893, jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov or peri.ulrey@hq.doe.gov.

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: ST LNG requests authorization to export domestically produced LNG from its proposed Project to be located at Brazos Block BA-476 in Federal waters in the Gulf of America, offshore of Matagorda, Texas. ST LNG states that the Project will be a deepwater port under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended. ST LNG seeks to export LNG in a volume equivalent to 460 Bcf/yr of natural gas (equivalent to approximately 8.4 million metric tons per annum) by ocean-going vessel on a non-additive basis to: (i) any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries), and (ii) any other country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries). This Notice applies only to the portion of the Application requesting authority to export LNG to non-FTA countries pursuant to section 3(a) of the NGA.¹ DOE will review ST LNG's request for authorization to export LNG to FTA countries separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c).²

ST LNG seeks this authorization on its own behalf and as agent for other entities that will hold title to the LNG at the time of export. ST LNG requests the authorization for a term to commence on the date of first export following the commencement of commercial operation of the Project, and to extend through December 31, 2050, plus a three-year Make-Up Period extending through December 31, 2053, consistent with recent DOE practice.

Additional details can be found in ST LNG's Application, posted on the DOE website at https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-12/12-05-25_ST%20LNG_DOE%20FTA-NFTA%20Application%20-Executed.pdf.

DOE Evaluation

In reviewing the 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.

Parties that may oppose the Application should address these issues and documents in their comments and/

or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the 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 NEPA 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 Application. Interested parties will be provided 60 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.

Any person wishing to become a party to this proceeding evaluating the Application must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention.³ The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the 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 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.

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. All filings must include a reference to "Docket No. 25-155-LNG" or "ST LNG, LLC Application" in the title line. Filings must be submitted in English to be considered.⁴

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

³ 10 CFR 590.303.

⁴ Executive Order 14224 of March 1, 2025, *Designating English as the Official Language of the United States*, 90 FR 11363 (Mar. 6, 2025).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).

² *Id.* 717b(c).

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 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 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 Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 19, 2025.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Coal Council Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the National Coal Council. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, January 15, 2026; 11 a.m. to no later than 12 noon (EST).

ADDRESSES: White House Executive Studios and Conference Centers (ESCC), Indian Treaty Room, Room 474, Eisenhower Executive Office Building, 1650 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20500. In-person meeting. Information to access a live stream of the meeting proceedings will be available at: <https://nationalcoalcouncil.energy.gov/ncc>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Sarkus, U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory; telephone: (412) 386-5981 or email:

thomas.sarkus@netl.doe.gov or telephone (412) 386-5981.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Committee: To provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters relating to coal and the coal industry.

Purpose of the Meeting: The National Coal Council will hold a meeting on January 12, 2026, to present government representatives and members.

Tentative Agenda:

- Welcome from the White House and Meeting Room Logistics;
- Welcome and Congratulatory Remarks from the Secretary of Energy;
- Remarks from the Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management;
- Introduction of National Coal Council Members;
- Public Statements, if any; and
- Dismissal.

Public Participation: The meeting is accessible to the public via live stream. The Chair of the Council will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Mr. Tom Sarkus at the email address or telephone number listed above. Approximately 10 minutes will be reserved for public comments. The time allocated per speaker will depend on the number of requests received but will not exceed five minutes. Requests for oral statements must be received at least seven days prior to the meeting. Those not able to attend the meeting or having insufficient time to address the Council are invited to send a written statement to thomas.sarkus@netl.doe.gov. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement to the Council will be permitted to do so, either before or after the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting will be available at <https://nationalcoalcouncil.energy.gov/ncc> or by contacting Mr. Sarkus. He may be reached at the email address or telephone number listed previously.

Signing Authority: This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 19, 2025, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, 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 December 19, 2025.

Jennifer Hartzell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 20-31-LNG]

Epsilon LNG LLC; Request for Extension of Export Commencement Deadline

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

ACTION: Notice of request.

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 a request (Request), filed on December 15, 2025, by Epsilon LNG LLC (Epsilon). Epsilon 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 Amigo LNG export terminal project (Project), to be located in Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico, to non-free trade agreement countries set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 4629 (as amended)—specifically, to extend its current export commencement deadline. Epsilon filed the Request 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, January 22, 2026.

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