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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.

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: On

December 8, 2020, in Order No. 4629, as amended (and as relevant here),¹ DOE authorized Epsilon to re-export U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of LNG in a volume equivalent to 395 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas by vessel from the proposed Project, to be located in the State of Sonora, Mexico, to any country with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries), pursuant to NGA section 3(a).² Epsilon is authorized to re-export this LNG for a term of 20 years.³

Under Order No. 4629, Epsilon is required to “commence . . . re-export operations using the planned LNG Facility no later than seven years from the date of issuance of this Order”—*i.e.*, by December 8, 2027.⁴ In the Request, Epsilon asks DOE to grant a 24-month extension of the export commencement deadline set forth in Order No. 4629, thus “extending the current deadline from December 8, 2027 to December 8, 2029.”⁵

In support of this Request, Epsilon states that it “continues to make substantial progress in advancing the project, but [that] in the past, it has encountered significant and unforeseen delays due to global macroeconomic and geopolitical disruptions.”⁶ Epsilon asserts that these delays have been fully resolved, and Epsilon “intends to take FID (Final Investment Decision) in early Q1 2026” for the Project.⁷ Therefore, according to Epsilon, the requested commencement extension will enable the Project to reach FID and proceed to the construction phase.⁸ Epsilon adds that the Request is limited solely to an extension of time and does not seek any modification to the scope, configuration, or nature of the Project.⁹

Additional details can be found in the Request, posted on the DOE website at https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-12/Epsilon%20LNG%20LLC%20%28FE%20DOCKET%20NO%20%2020_31_LNG%29%20Request%20for%20Extension%2012122025%20%28003%29.pdf.

DOE Evaluation

In reviewing the Request, 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 Request should address these issues and documents in their comments and/or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Request.

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 Request. Interested parties will be

provided 30 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. The public previously was given an opportunity to intervene in, protest, and comment on Epsilon’s long-term non-FTA application in this docket. Therefore, DOE will not consider comments or protests that do not bear directly on this Request.

Any person wishing to become a party to this proceeding evaluating Epsilon’s Request must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention.¹⁰ The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Request 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 Request. 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. 20–31–LNG” or “Epsilon Request for Extension” in the title line. Filings must be submitted in English to be considered.¹¹

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 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.

¹ *Epsilon LNG LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4629, Docket No. 20–31–LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Natural Gas to Mexico for Liquefaction, and to Re-Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas from Mexico to Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries (Dec. 8, 2020), *amended* by DOE/FE Order No. 4629–A (May 6, 2021) (amending order to correct monthly reporting obligations).

² 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).

³ See *Epsilon LNG LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4629, at 55 (Ordering Para. A).

⁴ *Id.* at 56 (Ordering Para. F).

⁵ *Epsilon LNG LLC*, Request for Amendment of Long-Term Authorizations to Export Liquefied

Natural Gas to FTA and Non-FTA Countries and for Extension of Time to Commence Exports, Docket No. 20–31–LNG, at 6 (Dec. 15, 2025) [hereinafter Request]; see also *id.* at 1–2, 9. The Request also applies to Epsilon’s FTA authorization in the same docket, but DOE will address the FTA portion of the Application separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

⁶ Request at 1.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.* at 9.

⁹ *Id.* Epsilon also requests that DOE amend its authorization “to reflect the updated project development and construction schedule.” Request at 6.

¹⁰ Status as an intervenor in prior proceeding(s) in this docket does not continue to this proceeding evaluating Epsilon’s Request, and therefore any person interested in intervening to address the Request must file a new motion to intervene (or notice of intervention, as applicable). 10 CFR 590.303.

¹¹ Executive Order 14224 of March 1, 2025, *Designating English as the Official Language of the United States*, 90 FR 11363 (Mar. 6, 2025).

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Signed in Washington, DC, on December 18, 2025.

Amy Sweeney,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Combined Notice of Filings

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: PR26–21–000.

Applicants: Northwest Natural Gas Company.

Description: 284.123 Rate Filing: Revised Statement of Operating Conditions to be effective 1/16/2026.

Filed Date: 12/17/25.

Accession Number: 20251217–5293.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 1/7/26.

Docket Numbers: RP26–306–000.

Applicants: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing: Rate Schedule S–2 OFO Refund Report October 2025 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 12/18/25.

Accession Number: 20251218–5122.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/25.

Docket Numbers: RP26–307–000.

Applicants: Ovintiv Marketing Inc., NuVista Energy Ltd.

Description: Joint Petition for Limited Waiver of Capacity Release Regulations, et al. of Ovintiv Marketing Inc., et al.

Filed Date: 12/18/25.

Accession Number: 20251218–5167.

Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 12/30/25.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502–6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Dated: December 18, 2025.

Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 1988–105]

Pacific Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Application for a Flow Variance Under Article 401 Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Application Type:* Application for Temporary Variance of Minimum Flow Releases into Helms Creek.

b. *Project No:* 1988–105.

c. *Date Filed:* October 14, 2025; supplemented on October 22, 2025, and November 26, 2025.

d. *Applicant:* Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

e. *Name of Project:* Haas-Kings River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* The project is located on the North Fork Kings River in Fresno County, California. The project occupies

federal lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Land Management.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Tiffany Begaye; P.O. Box 28209, Oakland, California 94604; T9BC@pge.com; and (559) 955–7135.

i. *FERC Contact:* Katherine Schmidt; (415) 369–3348; and katherine.schmidt@ferc.gov.

j. *Cooperating agencies:* With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests:* January 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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>. 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 submit 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. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P–1988–105. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project.