



**U.S. Department of Energy**  
**Categorical Exclusion Determination**  
**Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office**

**POWPOW, INC. DBA TEXAS TEA FUELS & LUBES**  
**DOCKET NO. 26-14-LNG**

**PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION:** TEXAWATT, INC. DBA TEXAS TEA FUELS & LUBES (Applicant) filed an application (Application) with the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office (HGEO) on February 2, 2026, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> and 10 CFR Part 590 of DOE’s regulations. On March 26, 2026, the Applicant informed DOE that its legal corporate name had changed to POWPOW, INC. DBA TEXAS TEA FUELS & LUBES (PowPow) as of March 12, 2026, and asked DOE to recognize and process the Application under its new name.<sup>2</sup> On April 28, 2026, PowPow amended its application to provide additional clarification regarding its corporate structure and related business name registration.

In relevant part, in the Application, as amended, PowPow states that its proposed exports qualify as “small-scale natural gas exports” under DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 590.102(p) and 590.208(a). Specifically, PowPow seeks long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 51.75 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year of natural gas (0.14 Bcf per day). PowPow requests that the export term commence on the date of first commercial export and extend through December 31, 2050. PowPow requests authority to export the LNG to any country with which the United States does not have 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).<sup>3</sup>

PowPow intends to source LNG for its small-scale exports from any of the 17 existing facilities identified in Appendix C to the Application, as amended (collectively, the Facilities), and to export LNG from Port Everglades, Florida; the Port of Miami, Florida; and/or the Port of Galveston, Texas. PowPow proposes to export the LNG in approved International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers transported by barge.

DOE’s proposed action is to authorize the exports described in the Application, as amended, as small-scale natural gas exports. If granted, the authorization would permit the requested exports of LNG sourced from the Facilities, in ISO containers transported by barge, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the DOE order.

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION APPLIED:** B5.7 - Export of natural gas and associated transportation by marine vessel

For DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B in 10 CFR Part 1021, as well as Section 5.4 and Appendices B and C of DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Michael Silver, PowPow President & CEO, to DOE, Docket No. 26-14-LNG, at 1 (Mar. 25, 2026). PowPow stated that it remained “the same legal entity as [its predecessor], and continues to retain all rights, obligations, interests, and responsibilities associated with its prior name.” *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a). In the Application, PowPow also requests authorization to export LNG in the same volume to FTA countries under NGA section 3(c). *Id.* § 717b(c). That request, in which the authorized volume would not be additive to the requested small-scale volume, is not subject to this categorical exclusion determination.

<sup>4</sup> DOE’s NEPA Implementing Procedures can be viewed at <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/articles/doe-nepa-implementing-procedures-june-2025>.

Regulatory requirements and guidance in 10 CFR 1021.102 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, respectively:  
(See full text in regulation and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures)

The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 or Appendix B or C of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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