

*NEFMC-meeting-remote-participation\_generic.pdf*. The Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee report will be up next to cover two items: (1) a progress report on the prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE) planning meetings for EBFM and the Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP); and (2) committee advice on conducting deep-dive public information workshops on EBFM. The Council then will receive a presentation from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on its State of the Ecosystem 2023 report for New England. The SSC will provide feedback on the EBFM pMSE strategy and the State of the Ecosystem 2023 report. The Council will close out the day with a congressional update on legislative activities.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

The Council will lead off the third day of its meeting with the Atlantic Herring Committee report, which will cover: (1) an update on coordinated work with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Mid-Atlantic Council on river herring and shad, followed by a Herring Plan Development Team analysis of recent low river herring/shad estimates in the Atlantic herring fishery; and (2) an update on action to revisit the inshore midwater trawl closure that was part of Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan but was vacated by court order. The Council then will receive a presentation on the Marine Resource Education Program, including an overview of the science and management components of this program.

After the lunch break, the Council will receive an informational overview on uncertainty in stock projections with two examples from recent framework actions. This item will be followed by a discussion of and decision on terms of reference for revising the Council's Risk Policy. The Council will provide guidance to its Risk Policy Working Group. Finally, the Council will close out the meeting with other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the

emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 24, 2023.

#### Key Israel Marquez,

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 14-179-LNG]

### Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.; Request for Extension for Long-Term Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas

**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) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice (Notice) of receipt of a request (Request), filed by Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd. (Pieridae USA) on February 2, 2023, and supplemented on February 3, 2023. Pieridae USA requests an amendment to its existing authorization to export U.S.-sourced natural gas by pipeline to Canada and to re-export such natural gas as liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-free trade agreement countries set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 3768—specifically, an extension to commence its commercial export operations. Pieridae USA filed its request under the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

**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, April 28, 2023.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Electronic Filing by email:* [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov).

Although DOE has routinely accepted public comment submissions through a variety of mechanisms, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier, DOE has found it necessary to make temporary modifications to the comment submission process in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. DOE is currently accepting only electronic submissions at this time. If a commenter finds that this change poses an undue hardship, please contact Office of Resource Sustainability staff at (202) 586-4749 or (202) 586-7893 to discuss the need for alternative arrangements. Once the Covid-19 pandemic health emergency is resolved, DOE anticipates resuming all of its regular options for public comment submission, including postal mail and hand delivery/courier.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Wade or Peri Ulrey, U.S.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 5, 2016, DOE issued DOE/FE Order No. 3768,<sup>1</sup> authorizing Pieridae USA to export natural gas from the United States to Canada and, after liquefaction in Canada, to re-export the U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of LNG by vessel from the proposed Goldboro LNG Project (Project), to be located in the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada, 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-

<sup>1</sup> *Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.*, DOE/FE Order No. 3768, Docket No. 14-179-LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas Natural Gas by Pipeline to Canada for Liquefaction and Re-Export in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries (Feb. 5, 2016), <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/02/f29/ord3768.pdf>.

FTA countries).<sup>2</sup> Pieridae USA is authorized to re-export the U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of LNG to non-FTA countries in a volume equivalent to 292 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas for a term of 20 years to commence from the date of first commercial re-export, but not before.<sup>3</sup>

As relevant here, Order No. 3768 requires Pieridae USA to “commence re-export operations using the planned liquefaction facilities no later than seven years from the date of issuance of this Order”—i.e., by February 5, 2023.<sup>4</sup> In the Request, Pieridae USA asks DOE to extend this commencement deadline to February 5, 2028, “such that the term of [the non-FTA] authorization would begin on the earlier of the date of first commercial export or February 5, 2028.”<sup>5</sup>

In support of this Request, Pieridae USA states that the Project’s timeline was pushed back due to its unsuccessful, costly and time-consuming engagement with several internationally regarded LNG engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) companies in undertaking the necessary steps to enter a lump sum turnkey EPC and commissioning contract for the Project, in addition to the “unprecedented COVID–19 pandemic which offered its own additional and significant impacts on the Project’s ability to move forward.”<sup>6</sup> Pieridae USA states that it engaged further a EPC company to review and revise the design to a more modularized Project.<sup>7</sup> According to Pieridae USA, the revised design, completed in January 2023, is in line with many recent US LNG export projects based on a smaller scale modularized approach.<sup>8</sup> Pieridae USA states that it is now ready to progress this concept in the realization of the Project.<sup>9</sup> Pieridae USA asserts that granting the requested extension of time will enable Pieridae USA to complete the necessary detailed design,

engineering and costing work in order to commence construction and place the Goldboro LNG Project into service.<sup>10</sup> Pieridae USA states that “[t]he only change to the Project [from the original Application] will be the use of ten smaller modularized liquefaction trains versus the two larger liquefaction trains.”<sup>11</sup> Additional details can be found in the Request, posted on the DOE website at: [www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/pieridae-energy-usa-ltd-fe-dkt-no-14-179-lng](http://www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/pieridae-energy-usa-ltd-fe-dkt-no-14-179-lng).

### DOE Evaluation

In reviewing Pieridae USA’s Request, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy under NGA section 3(a). To the extent appropriate, DOE will consider the study entitled, *Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports* (2018 LNG Export Study),<sup>12</sup> DOE’s response to public comments received on that Study,<sup>13</sup> and the following environmental documents:

- *Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014);<sup>14</sup>
- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014);<sup>15</sup> and
- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States: 2019 Update*, 84 FR 49278 (Sept. 19, 2019), and DOE’s response to public comments received on that study.<sup>16</sup>

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 environmental 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 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 Pieridae USA’s prior non-FTA applications in Docket No. 14–179–LNG. 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 portion of the proceeding evaluating Pieridae USA’s Request must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Request will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the 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 the regulations in 10 CFR part 590, including the service requirements.

As noted, DOE is only accepting electronic submissions at this time. Please email the filing to [fergas.hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas.hq.doe.gov). All filings must include a reference to “Docket No. 14–179–LNG” or “Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd. Request for Extension” in the title line.

**Please Note:** 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.

The Request and any filed protests, motions to intervene, notices of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE Web address: [www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation](http://www.energy.gov/fecm/regulation).

<sup>10</sup> Request at 3–4.

<sup>11</sup> Request at 4.

<sup>12</sup> See NERA Economic Consulting, *Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports* (June 7, 2018), <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/06/f52/Macroeconomic%20LNG%20Export%20Study%202018.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> U.S. Dep’t of Energy, *Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports: Response to Comments Received on Study; Notice of Response to Comments*, 83 FR 67251 (Dec. 28, 2018), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28238.pdf>.

<sup>14</sup> The Addendum and related documents are available at <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/addendum-environmental-review-documents-concerning-exports-natural-gas-united-states>.

<sup>15</sup> The 2014 Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/life-cycle-greenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefied-natural-gas-united-states>.

<sup>16</sup> U.S. Dep’t of Energy, *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States: 2019 Update—Response to Comments*, 85 FR 72 (Jan. 2, 2020). The 2019 Update and related documents are available at <https://fossil.energy.gov/app/docketindex/docket/index/21>.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).

<sup>3</sup> See *Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.*, DOE/FE Order No. 3768 at 227 (Ordering Para. A).

<sup>4</sup> *Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.*, DOE/FE Order No. 3768, at 228 (Ordering Para. D).

<sup>5</sup> *Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.*, Request for Extension for Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export U.S. Sourced Natural Gas by Pipeline to Canada for Liquefaction and Re-Export in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas, Docket Nos. 14–179–LNG, at 1 (Feb. 2, 2023) [hereinafter Request]. The Request also applies to Pieridae USA’s existing FTA orders in Docket Nos. 14–179–LNG, but DOE will address that portion of the Request separately pursuant to NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

<sup>6</sup> Request at 3.

<sup>7</sup> Request at 3.

<sup>8</sup> Request at 3.

<sup>9</sup> Request at 3–4.

A decisional record on the Request 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 Request and responses filed by parties pursuant to this Notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 23, 2023.

**Amy Sweeney,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-92-000]

#### **ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline**

Take notice that on March 13, 2023, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act and the blanket certificate issued by the Commission in Docket No. CP82-480-000,<sup>1</sup> seeking authorization to abandon two injection/withdrawal wells and appurtenances located at the Reed City Storage Field in Osceola County, Michigan.

The proposed abandonment is required by Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's Storage Final Rule, which requires storage operators to assess well integrity risk and to implement appropriate prevention and mitigation measures to reduce risk. The two proposed wells provide little value and have historically performed poorly. The estimated cost of the project is \$430,000, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

<sup>1</sup> Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, 20 FERC ¶ 62,595 (1982).

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, 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 Home Page ([www.ferc.gov](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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager, Project Authorizations, Bison Pipeline LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002, by phone at (832) 320-5477; or by email to [david\\_alonzo@tcenergy.com](mailto:david_alonzo@tcenergy.com).

#### **Public Participation**

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 22, 2023. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

#### *Protests*

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,<sup>2</sup> any person<sup>3</sup> or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 157.205.

<sup>3</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,<sup>4</sup> and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is May 22, 2023. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

#### *Interventions*

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>5</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>6</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is May 22, 2023. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

#### *Comments*

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. To

<sup>4</sup> 18 CFR 157.205(e).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.