

**Public Participation:** The meeting is open to the public. Please check the website below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact Brenda L. May at [Brenda.May@science.doe.gov](mailto:Brenda.May@science.doe.gov). You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral statements on the agenda. The Chairperson of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Public comment will follow the 10-minute rule.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting will be available for review on the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Physics website at <https://science.osti.gov/np/nsac/meetings>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on August 31, 2023.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Proposed Emergency Information Collection

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Deployment Office (GDO) invites public comment on a proposed emergency collection of information that DOE is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 10, 2023. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period allowed by this notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-4718.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public

Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aisha Miranda Rivera, [aisha.miranda-rivera@hq.doe.gov](mailto:aisha.miranda-rivera@hq.doe.gov), (240) 429-5213.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.:* 1910-NEW;

(2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Puerto Rico Energy Resiliency Fund (PR-ERF), Solar Ambassador Household Intake Form;

(3) *Type of Request:* Emergency Clearance;

(4) *Purpose:* To authorize the use of the 'Solar Ambassador Household Intake Form' to collect homeowner data necessary to qualify households as eligible to receive rooftop solar and battery storage installations as prescribed under the GDO Puerto Rico Energy Resiliency Fund (PR-ERF). Eligibility is limited to very low-income, single-family households (1) where an individual with an energy dependent disability resides; or (2) located in a Last Mile Community.<sup>1</sup> This will be a one-time collection occurring over the course of 6-months.

Pursuant to the OMB procedures established in 5 CFR part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, the DOE GDO, is requesting that the proposed information of collection, Solar Ambassador Household Intake Form, be processed as an Emergency Clearance Information Collection Request (ICR) as referenced in 5 CFR 1320.13, Emergency Processing. DOE has determined that the information must be collected prior to the time periods established under Part 1320 of the regulation, and that this information

<sup>1</sup> A census block that (a) has a high percent of very low-income households, and (b) experiences frequent and prolonged power outages. Solar Ambassador organizations will perform outreach activities in Last Mile Communities to identify qualifying households.

is essential to GDO's implementation of the PR-ERF.

The PR-ERF, a \$1 billion initiative authorized by Congress under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law 117-328, will incentivize the installation of rooftop solar and battery storage technologies for eligible households.

According to information collected from LUMA, the grid operator of Puerto Rico, there have been 54 load shedding events (power outages caused by insufficient ability to generate electricity) in Puerto Rico during the last two and a half months. These power outages occur when customer demand for electricity exceeds the capacity of Puerto Rico's electric generation fleet. This is expected to continue as power plant maintenance schedules and associated high-priority repairs from Hurricane Fiona in September 2022 have been postponed due to the need to use all existing power capacity.

These daily outages in addition to recent record-breaking temperatures on the island (in the midst of hurricane season) are a combination of long-term damaging effects that affect the citizens of Puerto Rico, representing a public harm, specifically for individuals with an energy dependent disability or residents of areas that suffer frequent and prolonged power outages. By initiating installations of solar PV and battery storage systems before the 2024 hurricane season, DOE plans to address the harm and risk represented by the fragility of the islands' power system. Failure to collect the information immediately would cause delays in providing assistance that is necessary to reestablish the reliability of electric service to these vulnerable residents. GDO developed an in-person application process recognizing that the demographic served will lack access to broadband and have limited mobility but that it is essential to program operation to verify beneficiary eligibility for participation in the program. This process is currently envisioned to be facilitated by competitively selected Community Based Organizations (CBOs) but other entities such as electric cooperatives and solar installers may also contribute depending on program execution needs.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 40,200;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 80,000;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 56,800;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$845,520.

*Statutory Authority:* The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Public Law

117–328, authorized \$1,000,000,000 to the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities to improve the resilience of the Puerto Rican electric grid by installation of renewable energy, energy storage, and other grid technologies, with a focus on the island's most vulnerable and disadvantaged households and communities. The need for a diligent eligibility verification process is necessary to demonstrate to Congress, Senior Leadership, and the public that these specific communities have been served.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on August 18, 2023, by Maria D. Robinson, Director, Grid Deployment Office, 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 September 1, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Number CP23–501–000]

#### Port Arthur LNG, LLC, PALNG Common Facilities Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Port Arthur Liquefied Natural Gas Amendment

On June 21, 2023, Port Arthur LNG, LLC and PALNG Common Facilities Company, LLC (collectively, PALNG) filed an application in Docket Number (No.) CP23–501–000 for a limited amendment to the existing authorization issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) on April 18, 2019, in Docket No. CP17–20–000 to site, construct, and operate facilities for the liquefaction of domestically produced natural gas at the

proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Port Arthur, Texas. If authorized, the Port Arthur Liquefied Natural Gas Amendment (Amendment) would allow for an increase in workforce, traffic volume, and work week/hour limits associated with the construction of its terminal from that analyzed in the final Environmental Impact Statement for the original Port Arthur Liquefaction Project (Docket No. CP17–20–000).

On June 28, 2023, FERC issued its Notice of Application for the Amendment. 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 Amendment.

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 December 19, 2023  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline<sup>2</sup> March 18, 2024

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

### Project Description

PALNG's proposed Amendment would: (1) extend the work hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to 24-hours-per-day until completion of the facilities described in CP17–20–000; (2) increase the workforce from 3,000 to 6,000 workers during peak construction; and (3) increase the onsite terminal parking from 500 to 1,000 parking spaces.

PALNG asserts that this Amendment would maintain a development schedule that maximizes construction efficiency while minimizing the duration of environmental and community disturbance in the vicinity of the approved terminal and meet the approved terminal construction schedule.

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

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other Federal agencies, and State agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for Federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by Federal law.

### Background

On July 18, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for The Port Arthur Liquefied Natural Gas Amendment* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners (as defined by the Commission's regulations); 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, residents of Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, Sabine Pass Independent School District, and Sabine Passport Authority. The primary issues raised by the commenters are wanting to see an enhanced level of detail and analysis for the park and ride locations, environmental justice impacts, traffic impacts, noise, climate change, air quality, and public participation. In addition, some of these comments provided general opposition and support for the Amendment. All substantive comments received in response to the Notice of Scoping 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.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members, and others access publicly available information and navigate the Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502–6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

Additional information about the Amendment is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208–FERC or on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the