

148 FERC ¶ 61,053
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Acting Chairman;
Philip D. Moeller, John R. Norris,
and Tony Clark.

Strom, Inc.

Docket No. CP14-121-000

ORDER DENYING WAIVER OF FILING FEE

(Issued July 21, 2014)

1. On March 24, 2014, Strom, Inc. (Strom) filed a petition for issuance of a declaratory order, requesting that the Commission find Strom's use of a mobile natural gas liquefaction unit to export natural gas will not be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under the Natural Gas Act.¹ Accompanying its petition for a declaratory order, Strom submitted a petition for a waiver of the filing fee for issuance of a declaratory order. For the reasons discussed below, we will deny waiver of the filing fee.

2. Section 381.302(a) of the Commission's regulations requires petitioners for declaratory order to submit a filing fee of \$24,260.² Section 381.106(a) of the regulations, however, provides that "[i]f an applicant is suffering from severe economic hardship at the time of filing an application which makes the applicant economically unable to pay the appropriate fee . . . , the applicant may submit . . . a petition for waiver with the application in lieu of the applicable fee. The petition for waiver must include evidence . . . clearly showing either that the applicant does not have the money to pay all or part of the fee, or that if the applicant does pay the fee, the applicant will be placed in financial distress or emergency."³

3. Strom's petition for waiver of the filing fee does not provide any explanation why it should be granted a waiver based on economic hardship. Therefore, the Commission is denying the requested waiver. If Strom does not pay the fee within thirty days of the date

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717, *et seq.* (2012).

² 18 C.F.R. § 381.302(a) (2013).

³ 18 C.F.R. § 381.106(a) (2013).

of issuance of this order denying waiver of the filing fee, the Commission will not act on Strom's petition for declaratory order, and a notice will be issued to terminate this docket.

The Commission orders:

(A) Strom's request for waiver of the filing fee for a petition for declaratory order is denied.

(B) Strom shall have 30 days from the date of issuance of this order to submit the filing fee in accordance with section 381.302(a) of the regulations.

By the Commission.

(S E A L)

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.