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Dominion Cove Point LNG

Docket Nos. CP13-113-000

Fact Sheet: FERC Authorizes Cove Point LNG Export Project

- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today authorized Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP to construct and operate facilities to liquefy and export domestically produced natural gas from its existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal located in Lusby, Calvert County, MD.
- FERC also authorized the installation of additional compression at Dominion's existing Pleasant Valley Compressor Station and upgrades of related facilities located in Fairfax and Loudon counties, Virginia, to accommodate the delivery of gas to the LNG terminal.
- FERC determined that Dominion's proposal, as approved with conditions required by the Commission's authorization, will minimize potential adverse impacts on landowners and the environment. Specifically, the order adopts Commission staff's recommendations in the Environmental Assessment (EA) by requiring Dominion to adhere to 79 conditions to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts.
- Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Commission staff conducted an EA of the proposed facilities, which will be located entirely within the boundaries of the existing Dominion Cove Point LNG import terminal. The EA analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the facilities, including such potential impacts addressing wetlands, vegetation, threatened, and endangered species, land use, air quality, noise, and public safety. The Commission concluded that, with the conditions imposed, the Cove Point Liquefaction Project results in minimal environmental impacts and can be constructed and operated safely.
- The Commission considered concerns raised in more than 650 comments submitted in response to the environmental assessment, along with the concerns raised by more than 140 speakers who participated in two scoping sessions and one public comments meeting hosted by FERC's environmental staff.
- FERC's authorization will enable Dominion Cove Point to liquefy and export up to approximately 5.75 million metric tons of gas each year via LNG ships that would dock at its existing offshore pier.
- Dominion Cove Point proposes to complete construction so that the LNG export terminal may start service in June 2017. Construction of the related Virginia facilities would begin in 2016 and would be placed in service by March 2017.
- Recently, the U.S. Department of Energy conditionally approved Dominion Cove Point's export of gas to both Free Trade Agreement and non-Free Trade Agreement countries
- FERC has approved three other LNG export projects, all in the Gulf of Mexico: the Sabine Pass Liquefaction Project, the Freeport LNG Project, and the Cameron LNG Project. Fourteen LNG export proposals are pending.