

May 2019 Highlights

The FERC insight will give you a monthly snapshot of FERC news – you'll get the latest news from the monthly Commission meeting and schedules for upcoming conferences and Commissioners' speeches/presentations, as well as links to Commission orders, notices and new reports.



FERC Approves Freeport LNG Export Expansion Project

FERC has approved the construction of the Train 4 expansion at the Freeport LNG terminal in Texas, marking the Commission's fourth approval of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) export project this year, following last month's approval of the [Driftwood](#) and [Port Arthur](#) projects, and February's approval of the [Venture Global Calcasieu Pass project](#). [Read more>](#)



Commission Affirms Order 841 Storage Rule

FERC has affirmed its February 2018 rule on electric storage participation in regional electric power markets. This order provides important clarifications while affirming the Commission's efforts to remove barriers to the participation of electric storage resources in the regional markets and to enhance competition, promote greater market efficiency and help support the resilience of the bulk power system. [Read more>](#)



FERC Rescinds Policy on Notices of Alleged Violations

FERC has rescinded its 2009 policy on issuing Notices of Alleged Violations (NAVs) regarding investigations. As it committed to do when it adopted the NAV policy, the Commission has evaluated the effectiveness of the policy. Based on this evaluation, today's order concludes that the policy's intended benefits have not materialized and the Commission now has better tools for providing transparency and, thus, the NAV policy is no longer warranted. [Read more>](#)



Summer 2019 Reliability and Energy Market Assessment

FERC staff presented the Summer 2019 Reliability and Energy Market Assessment that projects adequate reserve margins in all regions except ERCOT, growth in natural gas demand due to new LNG export capacity and battery storage and wind/solar capacity exceeding previous summer levels, with higher than average temperatures in the West, South and East.

[Report](#) | [Staff Presentation](#)



FERC Staff Issues Energy Infrastructure Update for March 2019

This is a monthly review of infrastructure projects under FERC jurisdictional energy infrastructure. Reports are primarily of an investigative and informational nature.

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A Look Ahead

- **May 23** – Chairman Neil Chatterjee Speaking Engagement: U.S. Energy Association Annual Membership Meeting & Public Policy Forum
- **May 27, 2019** – Memorial Day holiday. All federal offices closed.

- **June 5** – Chairman Neil Chatterjee Speaking Engagement: 5th Washington Oil & Gas Forum
- **June 20, 2019** – [FERC Open Meeting \(Free Webcast\)](#)
- **June 25-27, 2019** – Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency and Planning Efficiency and Enhancing Resilience through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-010) ([Free Webcast](#))
- **June 27, 2019** – Technical Conference on Reliability of the Bulk-Power System (Docket No. AD19-13-000) ([Free Webcast](#))



[Maria Farinella Named Chief of Staff](#)

Chairman Neil Chatterjee has named FERC attorney Maria Farinella to the position of Chief of Staff for the Commission.

“Maria’s long-standing career as an energy attorney, both at FERC for the past decade and in private practice, makes her uniquely qualified to fulfill this key role,” the Chairman said. “I want to thank Maria for her willingness to serve the Commission as my new Chief of Staff and look forward to continuing to work with her as we tackle a number of big issues before us at FERC.”

Maria has worked in several senior positions at FERC, including as a senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel’s Energy Markets Division from 2009-2011, and as a senior legal advisor in the Office of the General Counsel’s front office from 2011-2019. She also served as a legal advisor to Chairman Joseph Kelliher from 2007-2009. Maria is a graduate of Smith College and American University’s Washington College of Law.

Decisions & Notices

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Chairman and Commissioners at the May 2019 meeting.

Speeches & Social Media



Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur provided a personal retrospective at the Energy Bar Association 2019 Annual Meeting in DC on her time at FERC and shared her views on what makes FERC an effective agency in the energy industry.



Commissioner Bernard McNamee spoke at the Energy Bar Association 2019 Annual Meeting in DC on the importance of his role as a Commissioner, where he is an adjudicator rather than advocate as well as the importance of looking at the laws and facts and making decisions based on the record.



Commissioner Richard Glick attended and spoke at the Water Power Week conference to discuss hydropower's important role & what FERC should do to enable technologies, such as hydro, to provide the flexibility that will be needed to accommodate the grid of the future.



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ICYMI: @FERChatterjee joined @ACCFmedia (@AWEA & @natgas_ngsa) for a robust discussion ab the important market, #infrastructure, #cybersecurity & #resilience issues facing the #energy industry. Watch here: accf.org/2019/04/30/acc...



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“To think that we are now in a position to be a net exporter. It's just incredible. It speaks volumes to what the gas revolution has done for the American economy, for the environment, and for the U.S. geopolitically.”

~ FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee interview with Bloomberg Daybreak: Americas Anchor Alix Steel Video | Transcript



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FERC and @FERChatterjee celebrated #takeyourchildtoworkday by taking on new experts in the field of gas, tears, hot air, and spills. These experts now have an inside look at how we keep the lights on from the monsters in the closets. #FERC #Education #Energy #TYKTWD



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