



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Chairman Mark C. Christie

May 20, 2025

Mr. Charles Ezell
Acting Director
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20415-0001

*Re: Review of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Agency Actions
May 5, 2025, through May 16, 2025*

Dear Acting Director Ezell:

The Office of Personnel Management sent a continuing request to the employees of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) for information regarding the work they have completed. As I did in prior letters, I am hereby responding to that request on behalf of the Commission, highlighting selected important actions from the period noted above.

The Commission is authorized by statute to ensure the cost-effective and reliable transmission and wholesale sale of electricity and natural gas in interstate commerce, as well as the transportation of oil by pipeline in interstate commerce. FERC also reviews proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, natural gas storage projects, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, and licenses non-federal hydropower projects. Congress assigned these responsibilities to FERC in various laws, including the Federal Power Act (FPA), originally enacted over 100 years ago; the Natural Gas Act (NGA); and the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA). In addition, as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Congress gave FERC additional responsibilities to protect the reliability and cybersecurity of the Bulk-Power System through the establishment and enforcement of mandatory reliability standards, as well as additional enforcement authority. FERC's staff is dedicated to ensuring the Commission meets these statutory obligations. With that in mind, the Commission has accomplished the following important work from May 5, 2025, through May 16, 2025.



Issued the following Orders under Sections 3 and/or 7 of the Natural Gas Act to ensure that infrastructure needed to ensure plentiful supplies of natural gas at reasonable prices is in place:

- (1) Authorized National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation to construct and operate its Tioga Pathway Project in Pennsylvania to provide 190,000 Dth/day of new firm transportation service.
- (2) Granted an extension of time to Trunkline Gas Company, LLC, Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC, and Lake Charles LNG Company, LLC to complete, and make available for service, their Lake Charles LNG export facility in Louisiana and associated pipeline modifications in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana.
- (3) Granted a service area determination to Texas-Kansas-Oklahoma Gas, LLC for services provided across state lines in Kansas and Oklahoma.
- (4) Granted an extension of time to Stingray Pipeline Company, LLC to complete the abandonment and transfer of its West Cameron 509 system and its Mainline facilities to Triton Gathering, LLC who will convert the facilities to oil transportation service.

Issued twenty (20) notices to proceed with construction and service of natural gas infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- (1) Authorized Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC to commence site preparation for its Midscale Trains 8 & 9 Project, introduce propane into the Midscale Train 2 thermal oxidizer, energize the Trains 4 through 7 substations, and introduce propane into the Midscale Train 2 hot oil furnace at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (2) Authorized Port Arthur LNG, LLC to commence construction activities for the remaining underground firewater modifications in the Outside Battery Limits areas and commence construction activities for the South Jetty Control Building, Ship Loading Powerhouse, and the Building Area Substation at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (3) Authorized Rio Grande LNG, LLC to install certain major equipment in Train 1 and Outside Battery Limits at its Rio Grande LNG Project in Texas.



Issued necessary assessments for natural gas projects under the Natural Gas Act including but not limited to:

- (1) Issued a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC's and Venture Global CP Express, LLC's proposed LNG export terminal and pipeline facilities in Louisiana and Texas.
- (2) Issued a Final Supplemental EIS for Commonwealth LNG, LLC's proposed LNG export terminal in Louisiana.

Issued necessary assessments for hydropower projects under the Federal Power Act including but not limited to:

- (1) Issued an Environmental Assessment for the relicensing of Tower Kleber Limited Partnership's 1.76-MW Tower and Kleber Hydroelectric Project in Michigan.

Defended in Federal Courts FERC Orders under the Federal Power Act and Clean Water Act concerning the licensing of hydroelectric facilities, including:

- (1) Village of Morrisville, Vermont v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 21-1042, *et al.*; FERC No. P-2629) – Secured decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit), affirming Commission Order declaring that the State of Vermont had not waived its authority to issue clean water certificate.
- (2) Grand River Dam Authority v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 24-1071, *et al.*; FERC No. P-1494) – Presented oral argument to the D.C. Circuit defending Order addressing flooding upstream of FERC-licensed hydroelectric project.

Issued one hundred and fifty-five (155) Orders under the Federal Power Act including:

- (1) Matters concerning electric utility rates, terms, and conditions under Sections 205 and 206 of the Federal Power Act including but not limited to:
 - a. Accepted, in part, proposals by five electric utilities (CAISO, PacifiCorp, Southern Companies, El Paso Electric Company, and Public Service Company of Colorado) to implement more efficient processes to accelerate the interconnection of new generation resources to the grid.
 - b. Accepted PJM's proposal to modify its market rules to better align system risk with demand resource capabilities.



(2) Corporate matters under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, including:

- a. Authorized a transaction that permitted investment in a 710 MW coal-fired generating facility in West Virginia.
- b. Authorized transactions permitting acquisition of interests in approximately 1,900 MW of generating resources in various markets.

Defended in Federal Courts FERC Orders under the Federal Power Act concerning rates, terms and conditions of electric transmission service, including:

- (1) Missouri River Energy Services v. FERC (8th Cir. No. 24-3161, *et al.*; FERC No. EL24-3) – Filed brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit defending Order addressing allocation of transmission congestion rights, to protect reliability of grid operations.
- (2) Cage Ranch Solar, LLC, et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 23-1227, *et al.*; FERC No. EL22-89) – Filed brief to the D.C. Circuit defending Order concerning interconnection of a planned electric generating facility to the grid.

Developed and issued agenda for Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency through Improved Software Technical Conference:

Issued an agenda for the *Increasing Market and Planning Efficiency through Improved Software* staff-led technical conference July 8-10, 2025, featuring technical experts from industry, RTOs/ISOs, DOE National Labs, and academia presenting the latest research on ways to reduce customer costs and increase electric reliability by improving grid operator models and software including: improving resource adequacy, streamlining generator interconnection, grid-enhancing technologies, and leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning in power system software.

Presented 2025 Summer Energy Markets and Reliability Assessment

Commission staff prepared and released the 2025 Summer Energy Markets and Reliability Assessment, providing an outlook on energy market conditions and electric reliability for the June to September period. This Commission staff assessment, along with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's independent 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment, was presented by staff from both organizations at the Commission's May Open Meeting.



We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with an overview of the diligent work the Commission does on behalf of the American people to ensure abundant, safe, reliable, and affordable energy for all consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Christie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "C".

Mark C. Christie
Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Chris Wright, Secretary
Department of Energy

The Honorable Doug Burgum, Secretary
Department of Interior

The Honorable Russell Vought, Director
Office of Management and Budget

The Honorable Dr. Stuart Levenbach, Associate Director
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