



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Chairman Mark C. Christie

June 3, 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 19, 2025, through May 30, 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.

Issued the following Order 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:

Order affirming authorization and incorporating the findings of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC's and Venture Global CP Express, LLC's authorized LNG export terminal and associated interstate pipeline in Louisiana and Texas. The Order also clarified that neither the presumptive stay in Order 871-B nor the Commission's regulations barring construction for a limited period pending would apply to this project, thus allowing construction to begin immediately. This project would provide for export of up to 28 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of LNG, to overseas markets. Following issuance of the order, Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC was authorized to begin construction activities including the installation of piles, the storm surge wall, temporary facilities including access roads and parking areas, utility connections, and water wells.



Issued twenty-one (21) notices to proceed with construction and service of natural gas infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- (1) Authorized Port Arthur LNG, LLC to install a nitrogen receiver at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (2) Authorized Rio Grande LNG, LLC to install aboveground non-firewater piping in Train 2 and Train 3 and a tug berth at its Rio Grande LNG Project in Texas.
- (3) Authorized Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC to commission its Phase 2 Liquefaction Train System Block 12, hot oil system, tempered water system, and emergency diesel generators at its LNG export terminal in Louisiana.
- (4) Authorized Freeport LNG Development, LP to return its LNG Tank 3 to service and implement a liquefaction production capacity uprate from 782 Bcf/y to 870 Bcf/y at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (5) Authorized Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC to introduce fuel gas and hot oil into Train 2 at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (6) Authorized Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC to conduct ignition testing of the south ground flare and ground flare No. 2 at its LNG export terminal in Texas.

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

- (1) An Environmental Assessment for a capacity license amendment for Isabella Partners' proposal to add an additional 5 MW generating unit and associated facilities to its existing 12.8 MW Isabella Hydroelectric Project in California.
- (2) A draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the relicensing of Great River Hydro, LLC's 34.0-MW Vernon Hydroelectric Project, 40.5-MW Bellows Falls Hydroelectric Project, and 35.6-MW Wilder Hydroelectric Project in Vermont and New Hampshire.
- (3) A DEIS for the relicensing of FirstLight MA Hydro LLC's and Northfield Mountain LLC's, respectively, 62.0-MW Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project and 1,166-MW Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project in Massachusetts.



Issued the following Order for hydropower projects under Part I of the Federal Power Act including but not limited to:

A subsequent license to the City of River Falls Municipal Utilities for the 0.25-MW River Falls Hydroelectric Project in Wisconsin.

Issued one hundred and thirty-three (133) 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 the Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) proposal to provide additional flexibility to quickly interconnect new generating resources that are replacing retiring units, cost-effectively supporting regional resource adequacy needs.
- b. Accepted PJM Interconnection's (PJM) proposal to improve the accreditation of generating resources in its capacity market, better ensuring the market procures sufficient resources needed for reliability and appropriately compensates generating facilities for their reliability contributions.
- c. Granted three waivers in PJM to allow approximately 500 MW of deactivated generation to re-enter the PJM markets, enhancing resource adequacy and reliability and potentially reducing costs.

(2) Corporate matters under Sections 203 and/or 204 of the Federal Power Act, including:

Authorized investments in approximately 4,250 MW of generating resources throughout the United States and the issuance of securities totaling over \$2 Billion to continue to fund utility operations.

Successfully Defended in Federal Court FERC Orders under the Federal Power Act concerning electricity reliability and rates, including:

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp., et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 21-1256, et al.; FERC No. ER21-1647) – Secured decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, affirming Commission Order addressing the funding of



upgrades to the electric transmission system necessary to reliably interconnect new generating facilities.

Issued two (2) Orders Approving Stipulation and Consent Agreements with FERC's Office of Enforcement to resolve investigations concerning violations of the Federal Power Act, FERC Regulations, and RTO/ISO tariffs, including:

- (1) A settlement with GenOn Holdings, Inc. for violations of the PJM Tariff and FERC Regulations, in which GenOn agreed to disgorge \$172,306 in unjust capacity payments to PJM and pay a civil penalty of \$390,000 to the United States Treasury.
- (2) A settlement with Ampersand Cranberry Lake Hydro, LLC and its parent company related to violations of a hydropower license issued under the Federal Power Act, in which the companies agreed to pay \$30,000 and make compliance upgrades to related hydropower projects.

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 fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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
Office of Management and Budget

Mr. Peter Lake
National Energy Dominance Council
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