



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Chairman Mark C. Christie

June 17, 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
June 2, 2025, through June 13, 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 twenty-five (25) notices to proceed with construction and service of natural gas infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- (1) Authorized Port Arthur LNG, LLC to install Propane and Mixed Refrigerant Compressor Powerhouse Buildings, electrical lighting design in certain areas, and the north vehicle barrier and internal road vehicle protections at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (2) Authorized Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC to introduce hazardous fluids to Jetty 3 and Liquefaction Block 12 at its LNG export terminal in Louisiana.
- (3) Authorized Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC to introduce feed gas and refrigerants to Midscale Train 2 and to install aboveground piping, underground piping and equipment for BOG Compressor No. 6 at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (4) Authorized Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC to increase its peak liquefaction and export capacity at its LNG export terminal in Louisiana.



- (5) Authorized WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. to place into service the South Spearfish Project in South Dakota.
- (6) Authorized Rio Grande LNG, LLC to install equipment and facility lighting within Train 1 at its Rio Grande LNG Project in Texas.

Defended in Federal Courts FERC Orders under the Natural Gas Act concerning certificates authorizing natural gas pipeline construction and operation, including:

- (1) Gas Transmission Northwest, et al. v. FERC, (5th Cir. No. 24-60002, *et al.*; FERC No. CP22-2) – Presented oral argument to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in defense of Commission Order authorizing construction of enhanced natural gas compression facilities in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.
- (2) Appalachian Voices, et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 24-1094, *et al.*; FERC No. CP19-14) – Secured decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, affirming Commission Order extending construction deadline for Southgate extension of Mountain Valley Pipeline.

Conducted a Commissioner-led technical conference on meeting the challenge of resource adequacy in RTO and ISO regions:

On June 4 and 5, 2025, the Commission held a widely attended, Commissioner-led technical conference on meeting the challenge of resource adequacy in regional transmission organizations (RTO) and independent system operators (ISO) regions across the country. Panelists included representatives from industry, state entities, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, RTOs, ISOs, and consumer advocates. The conference addressed the impact on electric reliability of the pace of generation retirements and the reliability attributes of replacement resources. Attendees debated potential solutions to improve resource adequacy, the effectiveness of capacity markets, and possible alternative constructs in ensuring reliable service at just and reasonable rates. They also discussed the roles of states, the Commission, and other authorized entities in the pursuit of resource adequacy. The event and follow-up will build a record to inform Commission action to protect the reliability and cost-effectiveness of America's power system.



Issued one hundred and fifty-one (151) 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. Affirmed the Commission's October 2024 Final Rule eliminating payments for reactive power capability within the standard power factor range, saving consumers significant money by prohibiting payments for a service that generators incur no, or de minimis, costs to provide.
- (2) Corporate matters under Sections 203 and/or 204 of the Federal Power Act, including:
 - a. Authorized in separate orders, pursuant to FPA section 203, the transfer of two generation facilities in PJM with approximately 2,000 MW of capacity to Capital Power Investments, LLC; a 693 MW generating facility in New England to AlphaGen Kleen GP; and an 895 MW generating facility in Alabama to Alabama Power Company.
 - b. Issued orders under FPA section 204 that authorized over \$3.5 billion in securities issuances.

Defended in Federal Courts FERC Orders under the Federal Power Act concerning rates for electricity service, including:

Pacific Gas and Electric Co., et al. v. FERC (9th Cir. No. 24-2527, et al.; FERC No. ER24-96) – Presented oral argument to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in defense of Commission Order denying adder to utility return on equity for continued participation in the California ISO.

Completed an audit under the Federal Power Act:

FERC issued an Order on the results of its audit of Portland General Electric Company (PGE), which evaluated compliance with: (1) the terms and conditions of its Open Access Transmission Tariff; and (2) the regulations regarding Open Access Same-time Information Systems prescribed in 18 C.F.R. Part 37. The audit identified 11 areas of noncompliance. PGE agreed to implement the recommendations in the audit report.



Issued an Order Approving Stipulation and Consent Agreement with FERC's Office of Enforcement to resolve an investigation concerning violations of the Natural Gas Act and FERC Regulations:

Approved a settlement with Green Plains, Inc. for violations of the Natural Gas Act and Commission regulations in which Green Plains agreed to pay restitution of \$19,069 to entities harmed by its conduct, pay a civil penalty of \$927,990 to the United States Treasury, implement certain compliance improvements, and be subject to a trading restriction for a period of two (2) years.

Completed Cybersecurity Assessment

Commission staff completed a cybersecurity assessment of a Commission-jurisdictional electric utility's Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT) computer network architecture and recommended improvements to help the entity improve its overall cybersecurity posture.

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
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Department of the Interior