



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Chairman Mark C. Christie

July 1, 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 16, 2025, through June 27, 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 achievements by FERC and its employees in the period noted above.

Issued the following Orders under Sections 3 and 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) Granted a temporary waiver of a section of the Commission's regulations (Order No. 871) to allow more prompt construction of natural gas facilities while rehearing is pending, in response to a petition from the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), and issued a notice of proposed rulemaking proposing to permanently remove Order No. 871.
- (2) Granted in part a waiver of the Commission's regulation setting cost limitations for projects below which interstate natural gas pipelines may construct without case-specific authorization, to increase the limitations by 50 percent in response to a second petition from INGAA, and issued a notice of inquiry inviting comment on whether, and if so how, to adjust the cost limitations on a permanent basis.
- (3) Reauthorized through an Order on remand Commonwealth LNG, LLC's project in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with peak liquefaction capacity of up to 441.4 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas, addressing the issues raised by the court



regarding project emissions and again finding that the project is not inconsistent with the public interest, the legal standard in the NGA.

- (4) Order approving Texas Connector Pipeline, LLC's request to amend its certificate of public convenience and necessity for the Texas Connector Project in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and Orange and Jefferson Counties, Texas, to implement construction efficiencies and address landowner concerns.
- (5) Order granting Rover Pipeline LLC's request to construct and operate a new pipeline delivery point interconnection and a new pipeline receipt point interconnection on Rover's mainline in Hancock County, Ohio.

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

- (1) Authorized Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC to: commission a Phase 2 Acid Gas Removal unit and amine distribution system; commission a Phase 1 Steam Generator; introduce hazardous fluids into the Phase 2 Fuel Gas Piping Systems, Warm Flare Headers, Phase 2 Gas Turbine Generator 2, the Hot Oil Burner Management System, and the Phase 2 Boil-off Gas Compressor A; and commission Liquefaction Block 14 with nitrogen at its LNG export terminal in Louisiana.
- (2) Authorized Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC to introduce liquid nitrogen into the Cryogenic Nitrogen Generation Package at its LNG export terminal in Texas.
- (3) Authorized Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC to introduce feed gas and refrigerants into Midscale Train 2 and hazardous fluids into the Train 2 condensate system at its LNG export terminal in Texas.

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

- (1) A Draft General Conformity Determination Reevaluation for an air quality assessment under the Clean Air Act for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's Northeast Supply Enhancement Project.
- (2) An Environmental Assessment for Rover Pipeline LLC's proposed expansion project, consisting of extending an existing compressor station fence line to add equipment/facilities, including a new compressor package and cooling, providing



customers with an expanded source of supply and receiving up to an additional 400,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d).

- (3) An Environmental Assessment for Distrigas of Massachusetts' proposed project to install a redundant third boil-off gas (BOG) compressor to manage natural gas in the LNG storage system.

Issued the following Orders for hydropower projects under Part I of the Federal Power Act:

- (1) Extended License Term for the City of Holyoke Gas & Electric Department's 0.79-MW Station No. 5 Hydroelectric Project in Massachusetts.
- (2) Granted a preliminary permit to Premium Energy Holdings, Inc. to study the proposed 2000-megawatt Haiwee pumped storage project, in Inyo County, California.

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

- (1) Issued an Environmental Assessment for a license amendment for Pacific Gas & Electric Company's proposal to construct a new spillway at the Tiger Creek regulator dam associated with the existing 206-MW Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project in California.
- (2) Issued an Environmental Assessment for a temporary minimum flow variance for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 114 MW Poe Hydroelectric Project in California.
- (3) Issued an Environmental Assessment for a proposed surrender of Lake Upchurch Dam Preservation Association's 0.56-MW Raeford Hydroelectric Project in Cumberland County, North Carolina.

Issued one hundred and thirty-one (131) 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 the Midcontinent Independent System Operator and the Southwest Power Pool to implement more efficient



processes to accelerate the interconnection of new generation resources to the grid.

- b. Approved the California Independent System Operator's proposal to speed the interconnection of ready generation projects by enhancing flexibility and transparency for projects included in an ongoing study group.

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

- a. Authorized, pursuant to FPA section 203, the transfer of ownership interests of a 250 MW generation facility in North Dakota to Montana-Dakota Utilities.
- b. Issued an Order under FPA section 204 that authorized \$3 billion in securities issuances.

(3) Reliability standards under section 215 of the Federal Power Act, including:

- a. Issued a final rule approving Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standard CIP-015-1 (Cyber Security – Internal Network Security Monitoring (INSM)), which advances the reliability of the Bulk-Power System by requiring INSM for all high impact BES Cyber Systems with and without external routable connectivity and medium impact BES Cyber Systems with external routable connectivity.

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

- (1) City Utils. of Springfield, et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 24-1270; FERC No. ER24-1583) – Filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit brief in defense of Commission Order on the allocation of costs of regionally-beneficial electric transmission facilities.
- (2) Kimball Wind LLC v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 23-1236; FERC No. TX22-8) – Secured from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit a decision affirming Commission Order on funding of transmission expansion to accommodate new generation resources.



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, flowing style.

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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Mr. Peter Lake
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