

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 10-161-LNG
Lake Charles Exports, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 11-59-LNG
Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP	)	FE Docket No. 11-128-LNG
Carib Energy (USA) LLC	)	FE Docket No. 11-141-LNG
Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 11-161-LNG
Cameron LNG, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 11-162-LNG
Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 12-05-LNG
Jordan Cove Energy Project, L.P	)	FE Docket No. 12-32-LNG
LNG Development Company, LLC (d/b/a Oregon LNG)	)	FE Docket No. 12-77-LNG
Cheniere Marketing, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 12-97-LNG
Southern LNG Company, L.L.C.	)	FE Docket No. 12-100-LNG
Gulf LNG Liquefaction Company, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 12-101-LNG
CE FLNG, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 12-123-LNG
Excelerate Liquefaction Solutions I, LLC	)	FE Docket No. 12-146-LNG
Golden Pass Products LLC	)	FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BACKGROUND

On December 5, 2012, the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE/FE) issued a Notice of Availability (Notice) within the above-referenced dockets announcing the availability of the 2012 LNG Export Study (Study). The Notice, published in the Federal Register on December 11, 2012 (77 FR 73627), requested the public to submit comments regarding the Study. Pursuant to the Notice, initial comments were due no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on January 24, 2013, and reply comments are presently due no later than 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on February 25, 2013. The Notice also stated that DOE would post all of the comments received on an internet web page created for this purpose and the Study and the comments would be considered in the disposition of the dockets listed above.

In response to the Notice, DOE/FE has received in excess of 30,000 initial comments. Some of these comments, due to capacity constraints on the agency's computer system, were not timely received or, if timely received, were not posted by 4:30 p.m., eastern time, on January 24, 2013. One commenter, The Aluminum Association, also filed a timely motion for an extension of three business days until 5 p.m., eastern time, on January 29, 2013, in which to submit its initial comments; the additional time was sought due to problems in securing responses from its membership in support of the filing in time to meet the January 24 filing deadline. Other commenters apparently filed one or two days out of time without setting forth an explanation for the lateness of their filing and without requesting leave to file out of time; many of these late filers were members of the public that filed one page letters as part of an initiative sponsored by a public interest organization.

FINDINGS

On consideration, DOE/FE finds that all initial comments that were received for filing in these proceedings as of 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on January 27, 2013, should be accepted for filing. This is in recognition of the difficulties engendered by the effort to produce and transmit a large volume of submissions from a broad spectrum of the public and is intended to be a reasonable accommodation to ensure broad public participation in the present proceedings. Moreover, DOE will have posted all such comments by the date of the present order. Inasmuch as all of the initial comments will be available for public inspection by today's date, there will be ample opportunity for review by interested persons and there is no need to extend the period for the submission of reply comments. Therefore, the due date for such comments will continue to be February 25, 2013.

Additionally, DOE/FE finds that The Aluminum Association has established good cause for the requested extension of time.

ORDER

It is ordered that:

- A. All initial comments that were received in these proceedings as of 11:59 p.m., eastern time, on January 27, 2013, are accepted for filing.
- B. The motion of The Aluminum Association for an extension of time until 5 p.m., eastern time, on January 29, 2013, is granted.

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