156 FERC ¶ 61,174
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Cheryl A. LaFleur, Tony Clark,
and Colette D. Honorable.

BP America Inc.	Docket Nos. IN13-15-000
BP Corporation North America Inc.	IN13-15-001
BP America Production Company	
BP Energy Company	

ORDER STAYING THE PAYMENT DIRECTIVES OF THE ORDER ASSESSING
PENALTIES

(Issued September 12, 2016)

1.   On July 11, 2016, the Commission issued an order finding that Respondents BP America Inc., BP Corporation North America Inc., BP America Production Company, and BP Energy Company (collectively, BP) violated section 4A of the Natural Gas Act[1] and section 1c.1 of the Commission's regulations,[2] and ordering BP to pay civil penalties and disgorgement.[3]

2.   On August 10, 2016, BP timely filed a request for rehearing (Request for Rehearing). On September 7, 2016, BP filed a Motion for Modification of Payment Directive (Motion).

3.   On September 8, 2016, the Commission issued a delegated order granting rehearing for further consideration.

4.   In the Motion, BP states that it is unable to comply with the payment directive as to disgorgement because it discovered that it cannot send the disgorgement monies to the Texas LIHEAP in the manner required by the Order.

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[1] 15 U.S.C. § 717c-1 (2012).

[2] 18 C.F.R. § 1c.1 (2016).

[3] *BP America Inc., et al.*, Opinion No. 549, 156 FERC ¶ 61,031 (2016) (Order Assessing Penalties).

5.   Upon consideration of BP's request and the unique circumstances presented here, the Commission hereby stays the directive stated in Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Order Assessing Penalties. However, interest will continue to accrue on unpaid monies during the pendency of the stay. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, this stay will remain in effect until the Commission issues an order on BP's pending Request for Rehearing.

By the Commission. Chairman Bay is not participating.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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