



# FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Chairman Mark C. Christie

February 27, 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 During  
the Week of February 17, 2025*

Dear Acting Director Ezell:

On February 22, 2025, the Office of Personnel Management sent a request to the employees of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or the Commission) for information regarding the work completed in the previous week. I am hereby responding on behalf of the Commission.

The Commission is authorized by statute to ensure the cost effective and reliable transmission and wholesale sale of electricity and natural gas in interstate commerce, as well as the transportation of oil by pipeline in interstate commerce. FERC also reviews proposals to build interstate natural gas pipelines, natural gas storage projects, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, and FERC licenses non-federal hydropower projects. Congress assigned these responsibilities to FERC in various laws, including the Federal Power Act (FPA), which originally was enacted over 100 years ago; the Natural Gas Act (NGA); and the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA). In addition, as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Congress gave FERC additional responsibilities to protect the reliability and cybersecurity of the Bulk-Power System through the establishment and enforcement of mandatory reliability standards, as well as additional enforcement authority. FERC's staff is dedicated to ensuring the Commission meets these statutory obligations. With that in mind, the Commission has accomplished the following important work from February 14 through February 24, 2025.

**Issued the following Orders under Sections 3 and 7 of NGA to ensure that pipeline infrastructure needed to ensure plentiful supplies of natural gas at reasonable prices is in place:**

- (1) Authorizing Northern Natural Gas Company to abandon, construct, and operate certain pipeline facilities in Minnesota and Wisconsin enabling Northern to



provide an additional 46,064 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of incremental firm transportation service to five natural gas customers.

- (2) Authorizing Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC to amend its existing authorization to increase the authorized liquefaction production capacity of LNG export facilities in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana from 24.0 to 27.2 million metric tons per annum to reflect the project's actual capabilities.
- (3) Granting a two-year extension for Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. to construct and operate certain facilities in New York and Connecticut to provide up to 125,000 Dth/d of firm natural gas transportation service to delivery points in New York.

**Defended in Federal Courts FERC Orders approving Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued under the NGA, including:**

- (1) El Puente de Williamsburg, Inc., et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. Docket No. 23-133; FERC Docket No. CP23-518) – Filed final brief defending order authorizing the construction and operation of a new pipeline at an existing LNG terminal at the Port of San Juan in Puerto Rico.
- (2) Appalachian Voices, et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. Docket No. 24-1094, et al.; FERC Docket No. CP19-14) – Oral argument before D.C. Circuit defending order granting three-year extension of time for completion of construction of the MVP Southgate Project.
- (3) Sierra Club and Public Citizen v. FERC (D.C. Cir. Docket No. 24-1199; FERC Docket No. CP23-29) – Filed final brief defending order authorizing construction and operation of a natural gas pipeline and related facilities for the export of natural gas at the International Boundary between the United States and Mexico.

**Issued nine notices to proceed with construction of the following natural gas infrastructure including but not limited to:**

- (1) Granted Woodside Louisiana LNG's request to construct ISBL Non-Firewater Underground Piping and Cable.



- (2) Granted Elba Liquefaction Company L.L.C.’s request to commence certain construction activities on its existing Movable Modular Liquefaction System facilities in Chatham County, Georgia.
- (3) Granted Port Arthur LNG, LLC’s request to commence installation of a feed gas pipeline and to set the priority 1 mechanical equipment on the foundations.

**Scheduled a Technical Conference and a Workshop to ensure the reliability and affordability of the electric grid:**

- (1) A Commissioner-led Technical Conference on June 4 and 5, 2025, to explore risks to energy resource adequacy; the efficiency and effectiveness of capacity markets in achieving resource adequacy at just and reasonable rates; design and performance comparisons between capacity markets and alternative resource adequacy constructs; and the roles and interests of states or other entities with legal authority in achieving resource adequacy.
- (2) As part of the Commission’s statutory responsibility for addressing cybersecurity risks, a joint workshop with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation on March 20, 2025, to examine supply chain risk management. The workshop will examine potential actions entities may take to validate the completeness and accuracy of information received from vendors during the procurement process.

**Issued 47 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. Launching an expedited review of the co-location of large loads, such as Artificial Intelligence-enabled data centers, with generators in the PJM region to ensure grid reliability and fair costs to consumers.
  - b. Approving market rules for efficient energy pricing to ensure reliability of the grid at affordable rates, including two sets of major reforms to achieve these objectives in the nation’s largest energy market.
  - c. Addressing electric utilities’ proposals to implement more efficient processes to accelerate the interconnection of new generation resources to the grid.
- (2) Corporate matters under sections 203 and 204 of the Federal Power Act, including:



- a. Authorizing corporate transactions that permit investments in electric facilities, ensuring that the transactions are consistent with the public interest.
  - b. Authorizing electric utilities to issue securities to fund the operation and expansion of their businesses.
- (3) Reliability standards under section 215 of the Federal Power Act, including:
- a. Issued two orders approving new reliability standards to improve the reliability of electric service for consumers: the first established new mandatory performance requirements for inverter-based resources; the second approved new reliability standards for planning the bulk electric system during expected extreme heat and cold events.

**Issued the following Order under the Interstate Commerce Act:**

Granted SFPP, L.P.'s petition to expand its East Line, a refined petroleum products pipeline running approximately 400 miles from El Paso, Texas to destinations in Arizona that is expected to increase capacity from 48,500 to 51,000 barrels per day.

Finally, the Commission developed a funding strategy for Fiscal Year 2025 that holds funding at the previous year's appropriated levels to prepare for potential passage of a yearlong continuing resolution. This strategy prioritizes employee levels needed to support the Commission's statutory obligations while implementing reductions resulting from constraints a FY 2024 appropriation level would impose on current operational requirements.

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".

Mark C. Christie  
Chairman

Cc: The Honorable Russell Vought, Director  
Office of Management and Budget