



FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Chairman Mark C. Christie

March 11, 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
February 25, 2025, through March 7, 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 by letter dated February 27 for the week prior, I am hereby responding to that request on behalf of the Commission highlighting selected important actions covering the period noted above.

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 licenses non-federal hydropower projects. Congress assigned these responsibilities to FERC in various laws, including the Federal Power Act (FPA), originally enacted over 100 years ago; the Natural Gas Act (NGA); and the Interstate Commerce Act (ICA).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 25, 2025, through March 7, 2025.

Dismissed Request for Rehearing of Order Terminating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Policy Statement Proceeding

Dismissed a request for rehearing of the Commission's January 24, 2025 Order terminating the draft policy statement proceeding entitled, "Consideration of Greenhouse



Gas Emissions in Natural Gas Infrastructure Project Reviews.” This denial removes any specter of application of the Policy Statement, thereby providing more certainty and consistency to FERC’s environmental review of proposed natural gas and LNG infrastructure facilities.

Issued the following Order 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:

Granted Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC an exemption from the requirements of Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and waiver of FERC’s Part 157 regulations, enabling it to determine the feasibility of developing a natural gas storage project in Warton County, Texas.

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

Sierra Club, et al. v. FERC (D.C. Cir. No. 24-1099; FERC No. CP22-493) – Presented oral argument to the D.C. Circuit defending Order authorizing construction and operation of natural gas facilities in Tennessee, to provide additional firm transportation service for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

Issued twenty-eight (28) notices to proceed with construction and work approvals of natural gas infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- (1) Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC’s request to commence certain activities associated with expansion of a Compressor Station in Montgomery County, Texas.
- (2) 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) Port Arthur LNG, LLC requests to commence construction activities of a powerhouse and capacitor bank buildings and to install piping and other mechanical equipment at its facility in Port Arthur, Texas.
- (4) Rio Grande LNG Project’s requests to install various facilities associated with Train 1, 2 and 3.



- (5) Florida Gas Transmission, LLC's request to place into service the newly updated existing natural gas fired compressor turbine units at its existing Compressor Station in, Louisiana for the South Louisiana Project.
- (6) Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC's request to introduce hydrocarbons into LNG storage tank tie-ins associated with the Stage III Project in Texas.

Scheduled a Technical Conference to ensure software efficiency and to protect the reliability and affordability of the electric grid:

Scheduled a staff-led Technical Conference for July 8-10, 2025, to bring together experts from diverse backgrounds including electric power system operators, software developers, government, research centers, and academia to share information on improving software for increased efficiency and to protect the reliability of the bulk power system.

Issued One Hundred Thirty-Four (134) 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. Granted a waiver to accommodate the recommissioning of a nuclear power plant, which would be the first return of a nuclear power plant to active service in the United States.
 - b. Accepted a proposal that will allow a transmission grid operator to study certain generator interconnection requests more quickly.
- (2) Corporate matters under sections 203 and 204 of the Federal Power Act, including:
 - a. Authorized electric utilities to issue more than \$300 million in securities to fund the operation and expansion of their businesses.
 - b. Authorized transactions that permit investments in over 2,000 MW of generating facilities, while ensuring the transactions are consistent with the public interest.
- (3) Reliability standards under section 215 of the Federal Power Act, including:
 - a. Issued Order approving two reliability standards that improve the reliability of electric service for consumers by identifying and minimizing the risks of forecasted Energy Emergencies.



Defended in Federal Courts FERC Orders under the Federal Power Act including but not limited to:

American Efficient LLC, et al. v. FERC (M.D. N.C. No. 1:25CV68; FERC No. IN24-2) – Filed (with The U.S. Department of Justice [DOJ]) response in opposition to motion seeking to preliminarily enjoin Commission show cause proceeding.

Issued Several Hydropower Project Orders under Part I of the Federal Power Act including but not limited to:

- (1) An Order allowing the licensee to surrender its license and decommission the 980-kW Bryson Hydroelectric Project on the Oconaluftee River in Swain County, North Carolina, leaving the dam in place under the regulation of the North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality.
- (2) An Order Amending License and Approving Decommissioning of Inskip Diversion Dam for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Battle Creek Project, located in Shasta and Tehama counties, California and allowing PG&E to remove the Inskip Diversion Dam and associated facilities and sediment.

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 that reads "Mark C. Christie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark C. Christie
Chairman

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

The Honorable Dr. Stuart Levenbach, Associate Director
Office of Management and Budget