The Project: Downeast LNG Import-Export Project

Downeast Liquefaction, LLC has announced its intention to construct and operate natural gas liquefaction and liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities at the site of the Downeast LNG Import Project in Robbinston, Maine proposed by Downeast LNG, Inc., that is currently under review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) in Docket Nos. CP07-52-000 and CP07-53-000. The proposed new facilities (Export Project) would convert the Downeast LNG Import Project into a bidirectional import-export LNG terminal and pipeline, referred to as the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project (see map on page 3).

The project would be capable of producing 3 million metric tonnes per annum of LNG and 100 standard cubic feet per day of regasified LNG. According to Downeast Liquefaction, LLC the export project is being proposed due to the increased domestic natural gas production, specifically drilling productivity gains that have enabled rapid growth in supplies from unconventional, and particularly shale, gas-bearing formations in the United States. Downeast Liquefaction, LLC and Downeast LNG, Inc. (collectively Downeast LNG) plan to begin construction in April of 2016.

The FERC is the federal agency charged by Congress with determining whether LNG import and export projects and interstate natural gas pipeline projects, such as the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project, are in the public convenience and necessity. The information below explains the FERC’s environmental review process for the proposed Project and how you can get involved early in that process (see page 4 for a flow chart of the FERC process).

The Process: A “Pre-Filing” Environmental Review has Begun

The FERC is the lead federal agency responsible for conducting the environmental review of interstate natural gas pipeline projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of this process, the FERC will prepare a detailed environmental analysis for the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project. The FERC will use the analysis to consider the environmental impacts that could result if it authorizes the LNG terminal under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act.

The Downeast LNG Import-Export Project is in the preliminary planning phase – the precise details have not yet been finalized and a formal application has not been filed with the FERC. However, the FERC has initiated a pre-filing, or pre-application, environmental review of the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project to allow early involvement by citizens, governmental entities, and other interested parties.

The purpose of the pre-filing review is to encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner that allows for the early identification and resolution of environmental issues. During pre-filing, the FERC staff will notify affected landowners, citizen groups, governmental entities, and other interested parties of the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project and will request comments from them. You can make a difference by providing the FERC with your specific comments or concerns about the Project during the pre-filing process.

The FERC staff will work with all interested stakeholders to identify and attempt to address issues prior to the time when Downeast LNG files its application with the FERC. On September 16, 2014, the FERC staff will participate in a public open house sponsored by Downeast LNG in Robbinston, Maine to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders.

Shortly after the open house, the FERC staff will issue a Notice of Intent (NOI or notice) to prepare an environmental document for the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project. The notice will be sent to affected landowners, jurisdictional agencies, governmental entities, Native American tribes, citizen groups, local libraries and newspapers, and other interested parties. The NOI will also be published in the Federal Register. The notice will provide a description of the proposed Downeast LNG Import-Export Project, discuss the environmental issues identified to date, and request comments or concerns about the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project. If the FERC staff determines that public scoping meeting(s) are necessary, the date, time, and location of the meeting will also be included in the notice.
Additionally, any FERC-sponsored scoping meetings or site visits for the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Your Input Is Valued

Early involvement by you and others will help the FERC staff evaluate the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project’s potential impact on the environment. Please help this process work by providing the FERC with comments and concerns about the potential environmental impact of the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project. You can also contact Downeast LNG directly by phone at (207) 454-3925 with your specific comments or concerns about the Downeast LNG Import-Export.

How to Share Your Comments and Concerns with the FERC

For your convenience, there are three methods that you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project docket number (PF14-19-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

1. You may file your comments electronically by using the “eComment” feature, which is located at www.ferc.gov under the link called “Documents and Filings.” eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project.

2. You may file your comments electronically by using the “eFiling” feature that is listed under the “Documents and Filings” link. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer’s hard drive. You will attach that file to your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on the links called “Sign up” or “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing.”

3. You may file a paper copy of your comments at the following address:

   Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
   Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
   888 First Street, NE, Room 1A
   Washington, DC 20426

How to See What Else Is Filed with the FERC

To see what information has been filed with the FERC regarding the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project, go to the FERC website at www.ferc.gov and use the “eLibrary” link. Select “General Search” from the eLibrary menu and enter the docket number (i.e., PF14-19) in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range and follow the instructions. Searches may also be done using the phrase “Downeast LNG Import-Export Project” in the “Text Search” field. For assistance with access to eLibrary, use FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov or the FERC telephone helpline at 1-866-208-3676 (TTY contact 202-502-8659).

How to Contact Downeast LNG

To request additional information on the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project or to provide comments directly to the Downeast LNG Import-Export Project sponsor, you can contact Downeast LNG by phone at (207) 454-3925. Also, Downeast LNG has established an Internet website at http://www.downeastlng.com/index.php

The website includes a description of the Downeast LNG Import-Export, frequently asked questions and responses, and links to related documents. Downeast LNG will update the website as the environmental review of the Project proceeds.
### NEPA Pre-Filing Environmental Review Process

#### Applicant Process
- **Assesses market need and considers project feasibility**
- **Requests use of FERC's Pre-Filing Process** (July 22, 2014)
- **Studies potential route/site locations**
- **Identifies Stakeholders**
- **Holds open house to discuss project** (September 16, 2014)
- **Conducts route studies and field surveys. Develops application.**
- **Submits draft Resource Reports**
- **Responds to FERC data requests**
- **Files formal application with the FERC** (expected by January 2015)
- **Responds to FERC data requests**

#### FERC Process
- **Receives Applicant's request to conduct its review of the project within FERC's NEPA Pre-Filing Process**
- **Formally approves Pre-Filing Process and issues PF Docket No. to Applicant** (August 11, 2014 Docket No. PF14-19)
- **Participates in Applicant's open house, and holds interagency meeting**
- **Issues Notice of Intent for preparation of Supplemental EIS opening the scoping period to seek public comments**
- **Holds public scoping meeting, conducts onsite environmental review, and consults with stakeholders**
- **Issues data request on draft Resource Reports**
- **Issues Notice of Application**
- **Parties can request Intervenor status**
- **Analyzes application, issues additional data request, and prepares Supplemental Draft EIS**
- **Issues Supplemental Draft EIS and opens comment period**
- **Holds public comment meeting on the Supplemental Draft EIS**
- **Responds to comments and revises the Supplemental Draft EIS**
- **Issues Supplemental Final EIS**
- **Commission issues Order**
- **Parties can request FERC to rehear decision**
- **Submits outstanding information to satisfy conditions of Commission Order**
- **Issues Notice to Proceed with construction**