



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-470-004]

### Freeport LNG Development, L.P., FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on June 18, 2025, Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (Freeport LNG) and FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC (FLIQ4) (together Applicants or Freeport) requested that the Commission grant a 40-month extension of time, until December 1, 2031, to construct and place into service its Train 4 Project (Project) to support additional liquefaction and export operations at Freeport LNG's existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminal located in Brazoria County, Texas (the Terminal), as authorized in the May 17, 2019 Order (Order).<sup>1</sup> The Order required Freeport to complete construction of the Project and make it available for service within four years of the date of the Order, or by May 17, 2023.

On September 10, 2020, the Commission granted Freeport an extension of time until May 17, 2026, to complete construction of the Train 4 Project and make it available for service.<sup>2</sup> The Commission has subsequently granted one additional extension of time,

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<sup>1</sup> *Freeport LNG Development, L.P. & FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC*, 167 FERC ¶ 61,155 (2019).

<sup>2</sup> *Freeport LNG Development, LP & FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC, Letter Order Granting Extension of Time* (September 10, 2020).

making the current date for the Project facilities to be constructed and placed into service August 1, 2028.<sup>3</sup>

Freeport affirms that on June 8, 2022, less than a month after submitting the Second Extension Request, an explosion occurred at the Terminal, which resulted in the entire Terminal being taken offline (June 8 Incident).<sup>4</sup> The Applicants affirm that Freeport LNG has prioritized restoration efforts and the return of the existing facilities at the Terminal to service since the issuance of the Second Extension Order. Moreover, the new facilities approved for the Train 4 Project require use of the Terminal facilities.

In its latest extension of time request, Freeport states that restoration is complete, the Terminal has returned to full service, and normal operations have resumed. Freeport affirms that it is actively marketing the Train 4 Project and engaging in discussions with a number of potential off-takers, including those in more recently emerging markets and in markets with renewed strategic emphasis on securing long-term U.S. LNG supply.

The Applicants assert that due to the upfront, long-term commercial commitments required to be made by LNG customers, and the unique nature of financing LNG projects, certainty regarding Freeport's ability to complete Project construction by the in-service

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<sup>3</sup> *Freeport LNG Development, LP & FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC*, 181 FERC ¶ 61,023 (2022).

<sup>4</sup> *See Freeport LNG Development, L.P.*, Letter Discussing LNG Terminal Operation, Docket Nos. CP03-75-000, *et al.* (June 30, 2022) (June 30 Letter); *see also Freeport LNG Development, L.P. & FLNG Liquefaction 4, LLC*, 182 FERC ¶ 61,112 (2023) (noting that “the explosion that took the facility offline occurred on June 8, 2022”, the day after comments on the Second Extension Request were due).

deadline is essential to commercialization of the Project. No changes to the Project are proposed in connection with the requested extension of time.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Freeport's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 C.F.R. 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,<sup>5</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>6</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>7</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National

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<sup>5</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 C.F.R. 385.2201(c)(1).

<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at P 40.

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>8</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>9</sup> The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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<sup>8</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>9</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on **July 11, 2025**.

Dated: June 26, 2025.

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