

documents comprising the appeal record on the following website: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2019-0118>. (Authority Citation: 15 CFR 930.128(a))

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by WesternGeco

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of appeal.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that the Department of Commerce (Department) has received a “Notice of Appeal” filed by WesternGeco (Appellant) requesting that the Secretary override an objection by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management to a consistency certification for a proposed project to conduct a marine Geological and Geophysical seismic survey in the Atlantic Ocean.

ADDRESSES: NOAA intends to provide access to publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record on the following website: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2019-0089>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this Notice, contact Martha McCoy, NOAA Office of General Counsel, Oceans and Coasts Section, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-7391, martha.mccoy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Appeal

On September 20, 2019, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) received a “Notice of Appeal” filed by WesternGeco pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. The “Notice of Appeal” is taken from an objection by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management to a consistency certification for a proposed project to conduct a marine Geological and Geophysical seismic survey in the Atlantic Ocean. This matter constitutes

an appeal of an “energy project” within the meaning of the CZMA regulations, *see* 15 CFR 930.123(c).

Under the CZMA, the Secretary may override the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management’s objection on grounds that the project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA, or is necessary in the interest of national security. To make the determination that the proposed activity is “consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA,” the Department must find that: (1) The proposed activity furthers the national interest as articulated in sections 302 or 303 of the CZMA, in a significant or substantial manner; (2) the national interest furthered by the proposed activity outweighs the activity’s adverse coastal effects, when those effects are considered separately or cumulatively; and (3) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the proposed activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the enforceable policies of the applicable coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121. To make the determination that the proposed activity is “necessary in the interest of national security,” the Secretary must find that a national defense or other national security interest would be significantly impaired if the proposed activity is not permitted to go forward as proposed. 15 CFR 930.122.

II. Public Availability of Appeal Documents

NOAA intends to provide access to publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record on the following website: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2019-0089>.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Portsmouth

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Portsmouth. The Federal Advisory Committee Act

requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, November 7, 2019; 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ohio State University, Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio 45661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Simonton, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, Post Office Box 700, Piketon, Ohio 45661, telephone: (740) 897-3737, email: Greg.Simonton@lex.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- Call to Order, Introductions, Review of Agenda
- Approval of June 2019 Minutes
- Deputy Designated Federal Officer’s Comments
- Federal Coordinator’s Comments
- Liaison’s Comments
- Administrative Issues
- Subcommittee Updates
- Public Comments
- Final Comments from the Board
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Portsmouth, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Greg Simonton at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Greg Simonton at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Greg Simonton at the address and telephone number listed

above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://www.energy.gov/pppo/ports-ssab/listings/meeting-materials>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 16, 2019.

LaTanya Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket Nos. 13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, and 15-25-LNG]

Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of change in control.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of a Notification Regarding Equity Ownership Change in Accordance with Procedures for Change in Control (Notice) filed September 6, 2019, by Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC (Calcasieu Pass) in the above-referenced dockets. The Notice describes a change in control of Stonepeak Partners LP (Stonepeak), as well as an internal reorganization implemented in connection with the debt and equity financing of the Calcasieu Pass liquefied natural gas (LNG) export project (Project). The Notice was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. 717b.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention, as applicable, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, November 5, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing by email: fergas@hq.doe.gov.

Regular Mail: U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, DC 20026-4375.

Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.): U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Benjamin Nussdorf or Amy Sweeney, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042,

1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7893; (202) 586-2627.

Cassandra Bernstein or Kari Twaite, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9793; (202) 586-6978.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Change in Control

As noted above, Calcasieu Pass filed a Notice in the above-referenced dockets.¹ In the Notice, Calcasieu Pass states Calcasieu Pass now is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Calcasieu Pass Pledgor, LLC, which is in turn a wholly-owned subsidiary of Calcasieu Pass Holdings, LLC. Stonepeak has made equity investments totaling \$1.3 billion, in Calcasieu Pass Holdings, LLC and Calcasieu Pass Funding, LLC, effective August 19, 2019.

Calcasieu Pass Holdings, LLC has two members: One member, Calcasieu Pass Funding, LLC, owns all the common units of the company. The other member, Stonepeak Bayou Holdings LP, a Delaware limited partnership affiliated with Stonepeak, owns all the preferred units of the company. The preferred units will convert into common units upon the commercial operation date of the Project and will constitute a minority of the total common units of the company at that time (but more than ten percent).

Calcasieu Pass Holdings, LLC is managed and directed by a board of three managers: Two designated by Calcasieu Pass Funding, LLC and one designated by Stonepeak Bayou Holdings, LP. Under certain extraordinary circumstances such as events of default and material breaches or termination of key Project contracts, Stonepeak Bayou Holdings LP would obtain the right to appoint a majority of the board of managers of Calcasieu Pass Holdings, LLC for a limited period of time lasting until thirty days after such circumstances are no longer continuing, at which time Calcasieu Pass Funding, LLC will once again have the right to appoint a majority of the board of managers. In addition, the manager designated by Stonepeak Bayou Holdings LP generally has the right to direct Calcasieu Pass Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries with respect to certain uncured material breaches or defaults

by Venture Global LNG, the ultimate parent company of Calcasieu Pass, or its affiliates under contracts to which Venture Global LNG and its affiliates are party that have an adverse impact on the Project.

Calcasieu Pass Funding, LLC, in turn, also has two members. All of its common units are owned by Venture Global Calcasieu Pass Holding, LLC, which is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Venture Global LNG. All of the company's preferred units, which are redeemable over time, are owned by Stonepeak Bayou Holdings II LP, another Delaware limited partnership affiliated with Stonepeak. All of the company's business and affairs, however, are generally managed by the holder of its common units.

Additional details can be found in Calcasieu Pass' Notice, posted on the DOE/FE website at: https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2019/09/f66/Calcasieu_Pass_CIC_Notice_9619.pdf (Sept. 6, 2019).

DOE/FE Evaluation

DOE/FE will review Calcasieu Pass' Notice in accordance with its Procedures for Changes in Control Affecting Applications and Authorizations to Import or Export Natural Gas (CIC Revised Procedures).² Consistent with the CIC Revised Procedures, this notice addresses only the authorizations granted to Calcasieu Pass to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-free trade agreement (non-FTA) countries in DOE/FE Order No. 4346 (FE Docket Nos. 13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, and 15-25-LNG, respectively). If no interested person protests the change in control and DOE takes no action on its own motion, the change in control will be deemed granted 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. If one or more protests are submitted, DOE will review any motions to intervene, protests, and answers, and will issue a determination as to whether the proposed change in control has been demonstrated to render the underlying authorization inconsistent with the public interest.

Public Comment Procedures

Interested persons will be provided 15 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** in order to move to intervene, protest, and answer Calcasieu Pass' Notice. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited in response to this notice only as to the change in control described in Calcasieu Pass' Notice, and only with

¹ Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC, FE Docket Nos. 13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, and 15-25-LNG, Notice of Change in Control (Sept. 6, 2019) [hereinafter Calcasieu Pass Notice].

² 79 FR 65541 (Nov. 5, 2014).