

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 30, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Port of Long Beach Deep Draft Navigation Project, Los Angeles County, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to support a cost-shared feasibility study with the Port of Long Beach, California, for navigation improvements to existing navigation channels within the Port. The purpose of the feasibility study is to provide safe, reliable, and efficient waterborne transportation improvements to the Port of Long Beach. The EIS will analyze potential impacts of the recommended plan and a range of alternatives for navigation improvements. Alternatives will include both structural and non-structural measures.

ADDRESSES: You may submit your concerns in writing to the Los Angeles District at the address below. Comments, suggestions, and requests to be placed on the mailing list for announcements should be sent to Larry Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, CA

90017-3401, or email to lawrence.j.smith@usace.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Mr. Larry Smith, Project Environmental Coordinator, (213) 452-3846.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authorization: Resolution of the Senate Committee on Public Works adopted 11 May 1967 and the Resolution of the House Committee on Public Works adopted 10 July 1968. The Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare an EIS to assess the environmental effects associated with proposed navigation improvements measures in the study area.

Study Area: The Port of Long Beach is on the coast of southern California in San Pedro Bay, approximately 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, California. The communities of San Pedro and Wilmington are to the west and northwest of San Pedro Bay, respectively, and to the northeast the city of Long Beach. The study area includes the waters in the immediate vicinity (and shoreward) of the breakwaters through the entire Port of Long Beach and the downstream reaches of the Los Angeles River that have direct impact on the Bay, including Outer Harbor, Inner Harbor, Cerritos Channel, West Basin, and the Back Channel.

Problems and Needs: The primary problem is the inefficient operation of deep draft vessels in secondary channels, which increases the Nation's transportation costs. This study will address inefficiencies to container movements only. The following problem statements summarize these inefficiencies.

(1) Due to depth limitations along channels accessing the Port's container terminals, existing container vessels cannot load to their maximum draft, which is causing light-loading of vessels at the point of origin and delays to an increasing number of containerships.

(2) The dimensions of the world-wide fleet of container vessels have increased significantly, and it is anticipated that this trend will continue into the future. Delays and light-loading due to container vessel draft limits will increase as new, larger vessels are added to the fleet.

(3) There are diminished recreation opportunities and environmental degradation in coastal areas outside of the study area.

Proposed Action and Alternatives: The Los Angeles District will investigate and evaluate all reasonable alternatives to address the problems and needs identified above. In addition to the NO

ACTION alternative, both structural (deepen the secondary access channel to Pier J, deepen the secondary access channel to Pier T West Basin, construct a turning basin in the secondary access channel to Pier J, construct a turning basin in the secondary access channel to Pier T West Basin, deepen the approach channel, or deepen the anchorage along the main channel, beneficial use of dredged material for recreation or ecosystem restoration) and non-structural (high tide riding, light loading, and vessel re-routing) measures will be investigated.

Previous Actions: Port of Long Beach Main Channel Deepening Project, Pier T Marine Terminal, Middle Harbor Redevelopment.

Scoping: The scoping process is ongoing and has involved preliminary coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies. A public scoping meeting is scheduled on 19 January 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Port of Long Beach Harbor Department Interim Administrative Offices; 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, California. The public will have an opportunity to express opinions and raise any issues relating to the scope of the Feasibility Study and the EIS. The public as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to participate by submitting data, information, and comments identifying relevant environmental and socioeconomic issues to be addressed in the study. Useful information includes other environmental studies, published and unpublished data, alternatives that could be addressed in the analysis, and potential mitigation measures associated with the proposed action. All comments enter into the public record.

Availability of the Draft EIS: The Draft EIS is scheduled to be published and circulated in late 2016, and a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIS will be held after it is published.

Dated: December 29, 2015.

Dennis P. Sugrue,

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Acting Commander and Acting District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Orders Granting Authority To Import and Export Natural Gas, To Import and Export Liquefied Natural Gas, To Vacate Prior Authorization and Errata During November 2015

	FE Docket Nos.
PIERIDAE ENERGY (USA) LTD	14-179-LNG
SUNCOR ENERGY MARKETING INC	15-158-NG
BAKKEN HUNTER, LLC	15-160-NG
MERCURIA COMMODITIES CANADA CORPORATION	15-161-NG
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	15-139-LNG
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	15-140-LNG
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	15-141-LNG
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	11-142-LNG
FLORIDIAN NATURAL GAS STORAGE COMPANY, LLC	15-38-LNG
IBERDROLA ENERGY SERVICES, LLC	15-172-NG
COLONIAL ENERGY, INC	15-173-NG
RAINBOW ENERGY MARKETING CORPORATION	15-166-NG
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY	15-167-NG
DELPHI ENERGY CORP	15-170-NG
WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION	15-163-NG
DIVERSEENERGY	15-159-LNG

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy,
Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy gives notice that during November 2015, it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, to import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG), to vacate prior authority, and errata. These orders are summarized in the

attached appendix and may be found on the FE Web site at <http://energy.gov/fe/downloads/listing-doe-fe-authorizations-orders-issued-2015>. They are also available for inspection and copying in the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Division of Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Docket Room 3E-033, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence

Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 17, 2015.

John A. Anderson,

Director, Office of Regulation and International Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.

APPENDIX—DOE/FE ORDERS GRANTING IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS

Errata	11/02/15	14-179-LNG	Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd ...	Errata notice to DOE/FE Order No. 3639.
3737	11/02/15	15-158-NG	Suncor Energy Marketing Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3738	11/02/15	15-160-NG	Bakken Hunter, LLC	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3739	11/03/15	15-161-NG	Mercuria Commodities Canada Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3740	11/12/15	15-139-NG	Puget Sound Energy, Inc	Order granting long-term authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3741	11/12/15	15-140-NG	Puget Sound Energy, Inc	Order granting long-term authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3742	11/12/15	15-141-NG	Puget Sound Energy, Inc	Order granting long-term authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3743	11/12/15	15-142-NG	Puget Sound Energy, Inc	Order granting long-term authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3744	11/25/15	15-38-LNG	Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC.	Final Opinion and Order 3744 granting long-term, Multi-contract authority to export LNG in ISO Containers loaded at the proposed Floridian Facility in Martin County, Florida, and exported by vessel to Free Trade Agreement Nations.
3745	11/30/15	15-172-NG	Iberdrola Energy Services, LLC.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3746	11/30/15	15-173-NG	Colonial Energy, Inc	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico.
3747	11/30/15	15-166-NG	Rainbow Energy Marketing Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada/Mexico.
3748	11/30/15	15-167-NG	Southern California Gas Company.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3749	11/30/15	15-170-NG	Delphi Energy Corp	Order granting blanket authority to import natural gas from Canada.
3750	11/30/15	15-163-NG	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.	Order granting blanket authority to import/export natural gas from/to Canada.
3751	11/30/15	15-159-LNG	DIVERSEENERGY	Order granting blanket authority to import/export LNG from/to Mexico by truck and vacating prior authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD16-2-000]

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) invites public comment in Docket No. RD16-2-000 on a proposed change to collections of information (FERC-725P and FERC-725P1) that the Commission is developing for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 7, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments, identified by docket number, may be filed in the following ways:

- Electronic Filing through <http://www.ferc.gov>. Documents created electronically using word processing software should be filed in native applications or print-to-PDF format and not in a scanned format.

- Mail/Hand Delivery: Those unable to file electronically may mail or hand-deliver an original of their comments to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at DataClearance@FERC.gov, telephone at (202) 502-8663, and fax at (202) 273-0873.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission will submit the reporting and recordkeeping requirements of Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 to OMB for review. Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 replaces or supplements requirements from previous versions of the PRC-005 Reliability Standard, which are approved under FERC-725P (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Reliability Standard PRC-005-3, OMB Control No. 1902-0269) and FERC-725P1 (Mandatory Reliability Standards, PRC-005-4 Reliability Standard, OMB Control No. 1902-0280). The requirements and associated burden of Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 will be included in FERC-725P1.¹

Type of Request: Three-year extension of the FERC-725P1 information collection requirements with the stated changes to the current reporting and record retention requirements, and reduction to the requirements of FERC-725P.

Abstract: The Commission requires the information collected by the FERC-725P1 to implement the statutory provisions of section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA).² On August 8, 2005, Congress enacted into law the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, which is Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005).³ EPAct 2005 added a new section 215 to the FPA, which required a Commission-certified Electric Reliability Organization (ERO) to develop mandatory and enforceable Reliability Standards, which are subject to Commission review and approval. Once approved, the Reliability Standards may be enforced by the ERO subject to Commission oversight, or the Commission can independently enforce Reliability Standards.⁴

On February 3, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 672, implementing

¹ In the future, to consolidate reporting requirements associated with the PRC Standards, the Commission plans to transfer the burden associated with Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 to FERC-725G (OMB Control No. 1902-0252) and removed from FERC-725P and FERC-725P1.

² 16 U.S.C. 824o (2012).

³ Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, Title XII, Subtitle A, 119 Stat. 594, 941 (codified at 16 U.S.C. 824o).

⁴ 16 U.S.C. 824o(e)(3).

section 215 of the FPA.⁵ Pursuant to Order No. 672, the Commission certified one organization, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as the ERO.⁶ The Reliability Standards developed by the ERO and approved by the Commission apply to users, owners and operators of the Bulk-Power System as set forth in each Reliability Standard.

On November 13, 2015, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) filed a petition for Commission approval of proposed Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 (Protection System, Automatic Reclosing, and Sudden Pressure Relaying Maintenance). NERC also requested approval of the proposed implementation plan for PRC-005-6, and the retirement of previous versions of Reliability Standard PRC-005. NERC explained in its petition that Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 represents an improvement upon the most recently-approved version of the standard, PRC-005-4.⁷ FERC approved the proposed Reliability Standard PRC-005-6 on December 18, 2015.⁸

Type of Respondents: Transmission Owners (TO), Generator Owners (GO), and Distribution Providers.

*Estimate of Annual Burden.*⁹ Estimates for the changes to burden and cost due to Docket No. RD16-2-000 follow.

⁵ *Rules Concerning Certification of the Electric Reliability Organization; and Procedures for the Establishment, Approval, and Enforcement of Electric Reliability Standards*, Order No. 672, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,204, order on reh'g, Order No. 672-A, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,212 (2006).

⁶ *North American Electric Reliability Corp.*, 116 FERC ¶ 61,062, order on reh'g and compliance, 117 FERC ¶ 61,126 (2006), order on compliance, 118 FERC ¶ 61,190, order on reh'g, 119 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2007), *aff'd sub nom. Alcoa Inc. v. FERC*, 564 F.3d 1342 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

⁷ As noted in NERC's petition, NERC filed a separate motion to delay implementation of the approved, but not yet effective, versions of the PRC-005 Reliability Standard in Docket Nos. RM14-8-000 (PRC-005-3), RD15-3-000 (PRC-005-3(i)), and RM15-9-000 (PRC-005-4) until after the Commission issues an order or rule regarding proposed PRC-005-6. NERC's motion was granted in a delegated letter order issued December 4, 2015. See *North American Elec. Reliability Corp.*, Docket Nos. RM14-8-000 et al. (Dec. 4, 2015) (delegated letter order).

⁸ The Delegated Letter Order is available in FERC's eLibrary at <http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/common/opennat.asp?fileID=14076238>.

⁹ The Commission defines burden as the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. 5 CFR 1320.3 (2014) (explaining what is included in the information collection burden).