

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Import Terminals

O-4

Entity Proposing Project: BP Gas & Power

Category of Project: Other (off-shore)

Brief description of project: LNG import terminals for gas from foreign gas fields

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: Department of Transportation (DOT)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – enforces and manages DOT terminal regulations; issues Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN)

Army Corps of Engineers – issues a dredging permit under Section 10 of Rivers & Harbors Act and dredging permit under Section 404 of Clean Water Act

Fish & Wildlife Service/National Marine Fisheries Service – involved with Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation

State: State Natural Heritage Office – involved with state threatened and endangered species concerns

State DE – issues state tidal wetlands permit; NPDES permit; non-attainment new source review permit; prevention of significant deterioration (PDS) permit

State PA – issues dredge material disposal site approval

State SHPO – National Historic Preservation Action Section 106 consultation

Department of Natural Resources – requires coastal zone consistency statement; in conjunction with city – state critical areas

City: Issues erosion and sediment control/grading permit; building permit; storm water management approval; floodplain approval; sewer connection

Suggestions for improving federal agency(s)' process:

- Consolidate Resource Reports and EIS into one activity by environmental consultant
- Decrease extent of engineering design required for Resource Report 13
- Improve staffing levels of reviewing agency
- Make readily available to the applicant FERC's checklist for evaluation of the project's Resource Reports
- Appoint someone in federal government who is responsible for balancing input from all federal agencies, especially to coordinate conditions placed on permit
- Expedite adoption of industry standards for design and construction of LNG facilities
- Allow applicant to begin certain site development work while approval process is taking place