## Regulatory Overview of LNG



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## FERC Organizational Structure



#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission



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Major Interstate and Canadian Pipelines and Gas Production Areas





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## Natural Gas Act





# Natural Gas Act



- Case Specific Section 7(c) and 3
  - Conduct a full review of proposal including engineering, rate, accounting, and market analysis
  - Conduct an environmental review by preparing an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement



#### Major Pipeline Projects Pending (MMcf/d) October 2005





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#### Storage Projects (Capacity in Bcf)



# Balancing Interests



People Like		But They Also Want
Due Process		Expedited Process
Smaller Government		Effective Government
Less Regulation		Assurance of Fair Markets
Market-dictated Outcomes	D	Protection from Market ysfunctions, Unexpected Risk, and Unjust Rates
Protection for the Environment and Property Interests		Ample Supplies of Low-cost Energy



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## Traditional vs. Pre-Filing Process



NPC Study



- Align the conflicting policies
  - -- Policies that encourage consumption
  - Policies that inhibit gas supply



# LNG – Two Points

 Natural gas is the economic/environmental fuel of choice.

 96% of natural gas reserves are outside North America.

## How Much Natural Gas Is Out There?



# Where Are the Export Facilities?





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## LNG Supply Stream -- From Production to Distribution







#### **Economic Oversight – Access to LNG Terminal**



Open Access At Delivery of Vapor into Interstate Pipeline System

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Open Access At Delivery of Liquid to Terminal — Office of Energy Projects





#### North East LNG Terminals





### **South East LNG Terminals**







## North West LNG Terminals



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# LNG Properties and Safety



- LNG is natural gas that in its liquid state at -259° Fahrenheit - it is commonly stored and shipped at slightly above atmospheric pressure.
- LNG is odorless, colorless, non-toxic it neither explodes nor burns as a liquid.
- LNG vapors are flammable only in concentrations of 5% to 15% with air and will not explode in an unconfined environment - the ignition temperature is more than 500° Fahrenheit higher than gasoline.
- In the past 40 years there have been more than 33,000 LNG ship voyages without a significant accident or cargo spillage.

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LNG Terminal Siting Issues



Safety

- Take Away Capacity
- Local acceptance
- Federal and State approvals

## LNG Review Process Mandatory Pre Filing

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# Opportunities for Public Involvement

#### The FERC Process:

- We Issue Notice of the Application
- Project Sponsor Sends Landowner Notification Package
- SCOPING = We Issue Notice of Intent to Prepare the NEPA Document
- Public Meeting(s)

#### Public Input:

- File an Intervention
- Contact the project sponsor w/questions, concerns; contact FERC
- Send letters expressing concerns about environmental impact
- Attend scoping meetings

## Opportunities for Public Involvement



#### The FERC Process:

- Issue Notice of Availability of the DEIS
- Public Meetings on DEIS
- Issue a Commission Order

#### Public Input:

- File comments on the adequacy of DEIS
- Attend public meetings to give comments on DEIS
- Interveners can file a request for Rehearing of a Commission Order

## **Recent Events**



- ABS Study
- Skikda Accident
- Reorganization for Safety
- Sandia Study
- Regional Planning
- Katrina/Rita



# Outlook/Issues Associated with LNG Development



- Attempts to reassert economic jurisdiction in the post-Hackberry environment.
- Disinformation about safety.
- Legislative/Judicial Action
- Rulemaking

# US Natural Gas Balance



Total Production
Canada
Existing Terminals
Proposed and Planned Terminals (FERC & Coast Guard)
Alaska (to Lower 48)
Canada
Approved Terminals (FERC & Coast Guard)
Net Exports to Mexico
Demand - US