

No. 25-1284

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

SOUTH TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NETWORK, CITY OF
PORT ISABEL, and SIERRA CLUB,

Petitioners,

v.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION,

Respondent.

**JOINT PETITION FOR REVIEW OF ORDERS OF THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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Under Section 19(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717r(b), as well as Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 15(a) and Circuit Rule 15, Petitioners South Texas Environmental Justice Network, City of Port Isabel, and Sierra Club (“Petitioners”) respectfully petition the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to review and set aside the following order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”):

A. Order on Remand, *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, et al.*, 192 FERC ¶ 61,198, FERC Docket Nos. CP16-454, CP16-455, CP20-481, and CP24-70 (Aug. 29, 2025) (attached hereto as **Exhibit A**).

Petitioners relatedly seek review of the following Commission Orders, also filed in the above FERC dockets, insofar as these Orders were modified, affirmed, or otherwise implicated by the Commission’s August 29, 2025 Order on Remand:

B. Order Granting Authorizations Under Sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act, *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, et al.*, 169 FERC ¶ 61,131 (Nov. 22, 2019) (attached hereto as **Exhibit B**),

C. Order on Rehearing and Stay, *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, et al.*,

170 FERC ¶ 61,046 (Jan. 23, 2020) (attached hereto as **Exhibit C**),

D. Order on Remand and Amending Section 7 Certificate, *Rio*

Grande LNG, LLC, et al., 183 FERC ¶ 61,046 (Apr. 21, 2023) (attached hereto as **Exhibit D**),

E. Order Addressing Arguments Raised on Rehearing, *Rio Grande*

LNG, LLC, et al., 185 FERC ¶ 61,080 (Oct. 27, 2023) (attached hereto as **Exhibit E**).

The above Commission Orders all pertain to the construction and operation of the Rio Grande liquefied natural gas export terminal and the associated Rio Bravo pipeline project.

Petitioners were each granted intervention in proceedings before the Commission. Petitioners filed a timely request for agency rehearing of the most recent of these orders, the August 29, 2025 Order on Remand, on September 29, 2025. On October 30, 2025, the Commission issued a “Notice of Denial of Rehearing by Operation of Law and Providing for Further Consideration,” 193 FERC ¶ 62,061 (Oct. 30, 2025) (attached hereto as **Exhibit F**). Accordingly, this Court has

jurisdiction to review the Order on Remand, and venue is proper here, pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717r(b). Petitioners City of Port Isabel and Sierra Club previously sought rehearing of the Order Granting Authorizations Under Sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act, Exhibit B, which was litigated and remanded in D.C. Circuit Case 20-1045, and of the Order on Remand and Amending Section 7 Certificate, Exhibit D, which was litigated and remanded in D.C. Circuit Case 23-1174.

This petition is timely because it is being filed within sixty days of the date on which Petitioners' rehearing request was denied by operation of law. 15 U.S.C. § 717r(b).

Petitioners and their members have been, and will continue to be, aggrieved by the approval, construction, and operation of the Rio Grande LNG terminal and Rio Bravo pipelines.

In accordance with Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 15(c)(1), Petitioners have served parties that may have been admitted to participate in the underlying proceedings with a copy of this Petition for Review. As required by Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 15(c)(2) list of parties served is attached, as **Exhibit G**.

Dated: December 15, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and D.C. Circuit Rule 26.1, Petitioners make the following disclosures:

Petitioner **South Texas Environmental Justice Network** has no parent companies, and there are no publicly held companies that have a 10 percent or greater ownership interest in South Texas Environmental Justice Network.

South Texas Environmental Justice Network, an association organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, is an unincorporated nonprofit association of directly impacted people of color working towards environmental justice in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

Petitioner **Sierra Club**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the environment. Sierra Club is a non-governmental corporate party with no parent corporation, and there are no publicly held corporations that have a ten percent or greater ownership in Sierra Club.

LIST OF RESPONDENTS

As required by Local Rule 15(b), Petitioners provide a list of Respondents below, specifically identifying the Respondent's name and addresses where Respondent and/or its counsel may be served with copies of this Petition for Review.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Once a date-stamped copy of this petition is available, Petitioners will deliver a copy to Respondent, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.2012.

In accordance with Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 15(c)(1) & (2), the undersigned certifies that, on December 15, 2025, a copy of this Petition for Review and exhibits were served by email to the parties on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's official service list of parties admitted to participate in Docket Nos. CP16-454, CP16-455, CP20-481, and CP24-70 before the Commission, listed below.