

(1) obtain a legal opinion from PHMSA that the Federal Safety Regulation was, in fact, applicable, and (2) retain an attorney to ensure compliance.

3. Strom, Inc., Crystal River, Florida

6700 N Tallahassee Rd, Crystal River, FL 34428. This proposed LNG export “terminal” was approved by DOE for LNG export. Strom did file a Petition for Declaratory Order with FERC back in 2014 when it still planned to locate in Starke, Florida. FERC made no decision on the actual request; instead FERC responded: *“Because Strom has not submitted the filing fee within the required time, Strom’s petition for declaratory order is dismissed, and Docket No. CP14-121-000 is terminated.”*

DOE has authorized Strom, Inc., to export 1,000,000 gallons of LNG/day. Strom has been telling FE every six months since 2016 that *“Strom has reached a tentative agreement with the Port of Tampa in Tampa Florida, for long-term leases for shipping of LNG.”* <https://wwals.net/?p=55788>

<https://www.energy.gov/fe/articles/semi-annual-reports-strom-inc-fe-dkt-no-14-56-lng-order-no-3537>

Yet on June 16, 2021, during a Port Tampa Bay Board meeting, the Port’s Principal Attorney, Charles E. Klug, said, *“I just want to clarify that Tampa Port Authority as a corporate entity doing business as Port Tampa Bay, does not have an agreement with Strom, and is not in negotiations with Strom, and does not plan to negotiate with Strom. Further, the port has no plans to export LNG through Port Tampa Bay, and any indication to the contrary is not correct.”*

<https://wwals.net/?p=55794>

<https://zoom.us/rec/play/1l21fkT1fOrPTbBmiOMb1FUeKt9oW8rY5KilWPER9Zn6eyszOCpVEe6D67t4d4nAISHK65sUOKEj1TULF5g2FzIK7b-ggclD?continueMode=true>

Following up on that Port Tampa Bay revelation, the *Tampa Bay Times* discovered that Strom had also failed to reach export agreements with other ports, that Duke Energy says its new electric power substation at Crystal River could not serve an LNG facility there, that Strom, Inc. does not own its proposed site in Crystal River and does not have an office at its stated office address, and that back in 2014 the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) declined to deal further with Strom after the BOCC discovered Strom had failed to pay that fee to FERC.⁶ <https://wwals.net/?p=56247>

Strom LNG may finally be defunct. While Strom is usually up to a month or two late filing its semi-annual reports with DoE FE, it is now five months late filing its October 2021 report.⁷

⁶ Malena Carollo and Jay Cridlin, *Tampa Bay Times*, 20 July 2021, [A company asked to ship gas through Tampa’s port. Then it ‘disappeared.’ A plan to transport liquefied natural gas from Citrus County to Tampa has activists concerned — even though details are scant.](https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2021/07/20/a-company-asked-to-ship-gas-through-tampas-port-then-it-disappeared/) <https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2021/07/20/a-company-asked-to-ship-gas-through-tampas-port-then-it-disappeared/>

⁷ U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS FOR - STROM, INC. - FE DKT. NO.