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December 15, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 15, 2004

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-16383 95-4352386 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

717 Texas Avenue
Suite 3100

Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 659-1361

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

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On December 15, 2004, Cheniere Energy, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that at today's Commission meeting, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the construction of the Company's Sabine Pass LNG Receiving Terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The approval, under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, authorizes the Company's wholly owned limited partnership, Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. to site, construct and operate a liquefied natural gas (LNG) receiving terminal. FERC concurrently approved the associated Cheniere Sabine Pass Pipeline Company project under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act. The December 15, 2004 FERC action authorizes the Company's wholly owned entities to site, construct and operate the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal and associated pipeline, subject to specified conditions which the Company expects to satisfy. Construction of the facility is planned to begin in the first quarter of 2005. The press release issued by the Company on December 15, 2004, is attached as Exhibits 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

c) Exhibits

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

Date: December 15, 2004 By: /s/ Don A. Turkleson

Name: Don A. Turkleson

Title: Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 15, 2004 (filed herewith).