UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION, LLC AND SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION STAGE V, LLC	))))	DOCKET NO. 24-27-LNG

ORDER AMENDING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 5181-A

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On June 6, 2025, Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC (collectively, Sabine Pass) filed an application (Amendment Application)[1] with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).[2] As explained below (and as relevant here), Sabine Pass asks DOE to amend one of its long-term export authorizations.

In DOE/FECM Order No. 5181,[3] issued on October 17, 2024, DOE authorized Sabine Pass to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 899.46 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas under NGA section 3(c).[4] Sabine Pass is authorized to export this LNG from the proposed Sabine Pass Stage 5 Expansion Project (the Stage 5 Project or Project), to be added to the existing Sabine Pass LNG Terminal (SPLNG Terminal), which is currently operating in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Sabine Pass is authorized to export this LNG to any country with which the United States has, or in the future may enter into, a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA

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[1] Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC, Amendment to Pending Application for Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations and Request for Amended Authorization for Exports to Free Trade Agreement Nations, Docket No. 24-27-LNG (June 6, 2025), https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2025-06/SPL%20Stage%205%20Amendment%20to%20DOE%20Export%20Application%20%286-6-25%29.pdf [hereinafter Amendment App.].

[2] 15 U.S.C. § 717b. The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

[3] *Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5181, Docket No. 24-27-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas To Free Trade Agreement Nations (Oct. 17, 2024), https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/ord5181_0.pdf.

[4] 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c); *see Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5181, at 13 (Ordering Para. A).

countries),[5] for a 25-year term.[6]

In the Amendment Application, as relevant here, Sabine Pass asks DOE to amend Order No. 5181 to increase the authorized export volume by 50.54 Bcf/yr of natural gas, for a total export volume of 950.0 Bcf/yr to FTA countries.[7] In support of this request, Sabine Pass states that, on June 6, 2025, it filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an amendment to its application for the siting, construction, and operation of the Stage 5 Project, which presented changes to the proposed Project facilities.[8] The requested amendment to Order No. 5181 thus "reflect[s] the redesigned Project facilities as now proposed to FERC," which will have a "full peak output . . . of 950.0 Bcf/yr of natural gas."[9] Sabine Pass states that "[n]o other changes to the FTA authorization for the Stage 5 Project are requested or needed."[10]

In this Order, DOE grants the portion of the Amendment Application that seeks to increase Sabine Pass's export volume approved in DOE/FE Order No. 5181, pursuant to NGA section 3(c).

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[5] *Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5181, at 13-14 (Ordering Paras. A-B). The United States currently has FTAs requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas with Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, and Singapore. FTAs with Israel and Costa Rica do not require national treatment for trade in natural gas.

[6] In Sabine Pass's original application in this docket filed on March 1, 2024 (the 2024 Application), Sabine Pass also requests authority to export the same volume of LNG, on a non-additive basis, to any other country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries) under NGA section 3(a), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a). The non-FTA portion of the 2024 Application remains pending. Additionally, as part of the Amendment Application, Sabine Pass seeks to amend the 2024 Application consistent with the requested amendment to Sabine Pass's FTA authorization described herein. The non-FTA portion of the Amendment Application is also pending. DOE will address the non-FTA portion of both the 2024 Application and the Amendment Application in a separate order.

[7] Amendment App. at 3.

[8] *Id*. at 2 (FERC Docket No. CP24-75).

[9] *Id*. at 2-3. Specifically, Sabine Pass states that the Stage 5 Project facilities will include three natural gas liquefaction trains, each with a maximum LNG production capacity of approximately 300 billion Bcf/yr, and one boil off gas (or BOG) re-liquefaction unit, which together "will increase the Terminal's aggregate nominal LNG production capacity by an additional 950.0 Bcf/yr." *Id.* at 3-4; *see also id*. at 5-8 (additional detail on the revised Stage 5 Project).

[10] *Id*. at 11.

II. FINDINGS

Section 3(c) of the NGA was amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486) to require that applications requesting authority for (a) the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and/or (b) the import of LNG from other international sources, be deemed consistent with the public interest and granted without modification or delay. The FTA portion of the Amendment Application falls within section 3(c) of the NGA. Therefore, DOE is charged with granting the requested amendment without modification or delay.[11] This grant of the requested amendment should not be read to indicate DOE's views on the non-FTA portion of Sabine Pass's pending 2024 Application or the requested amendment thereto.[12]

ORDER

Pursuant to sections 3 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. In DOE/FECM Order No. 5186, Ordering Paragraph A is amended to state in full:

> Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC (collectively, Sabine Pass) are jointly authorized to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the proposed Sabine Pass Stage 5 Expansion Project (Trains 7 and 8) (Stage 5 Project), to be located at and adjacent to the existing Sabine Pass LNG (SPLNG) Terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The volume authorized in this Order is equivalent to 950.0 Bcf/yr of natural gas

[11] DOE further finds that requirement for public notice of applications and other hearing-type procedures in 10 C.F.R. Part 590, are applicable only to applications seeking to export natural gas, including LNG, to countries with which the United States does not have a FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas.
[12] *See supra* note 6.

for a 25-year term to commence on the date of first export from the Stage 5 Project. Sabine Pass is authorized to export this LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities that hold title to the LNG, pursuant to one or more contracts of any duration.[13]

This amended Ordering Paragraph A supersedes Ordering Paragraph A in Order No. 5181 in its entirety.

B. All other obligations, rights, and responsibilities established by DOE/FECM Order No. 5181 remain in effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on November 20, 2025.

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[13] *See* U.S. Dep't of Energy, Including Short-Term Export Authority in Long-Term Authorizations for the Export of Natural Gas on a Non-Additive Basis; Policy Statement, 86 Fed. Reg. 2243 (Jan. 12, 2021).