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Office of Global Energy Security (EX-34)
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**Re: Rio Grande LNG, LLC,
Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and
Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC,
FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG
DOE/FECM Order Nos. 3869, 3869-A, 4492, 4492-A and 4492-B
Semi-Annual Report – October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph J of Order No. 3869, as amended and Ordering Paragraph M of Order No. 4492, as amended,¹ Rio Grande LNG, LLC, Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC (collectively, the “Rio Grande Entities”) hereby submit this semi-annual report for the Rio Grande LNG Project (the “Project”). This report covers the period from October 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

- During the reporting period, the Rio Grande Entities continued to carry out construction activities site wide, including site civil activities such as production piling, concrete foundation work, structural steel erection, liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) spill trench and impoundment basin installation, aboveground piping and equipment installation within Trains 1, 2, 3, and outside battery limits (“OSBL”), and inner wall and roof construction for LNG Storage Tanks 1 and 2. Construction of the Project perimeter levee and security fence installation continued. Dredging activities were completed at the Material Offloading Facility, while dredging has continued in the turning basin and marine berths during the period. Work progressed with continuous improvement of onsite temporary laydown and roads, work pads, temporary drainage, and arrangement of temporary facilities, utilities, and structures. Construction of the central control, administration, security, warehouse, workshop, and laboratory buildings, as well as the fire truck garage has continued. The Rio Grande Entities have commenced installation of hazard detection in Train 1

¹ *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Rio Grande LNG Terminal in Brownsville, Texas, to Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FE Order No. 3869, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG, at Ordering Para. (J) (Aug. 17, 2016) (“Order No. 3869”); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FE Order No. 4492, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG, at Ordering Para. (M) (Feb. 10, 2020) (“Order No. 4492”); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Order Extending Export Term for Authorization to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations Through December 31, 2050, DOE/FE Order No. 4492-A, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG (Oct. 21, 2020); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC*, Order Granting Request to Amend Authorizations to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Add Authorization Holders, DOE/FECM Order Nos. 3869-A & 4492-B, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG (Aug. 20, 2025).



and OSBL, installation of aboveground piping and equipment associated with the inlet facilities, and Train 4 soil stabilization via Deep Mixing Method.

- First exports of LNG from the Project are currently anticipated to occur in September of 2027.
- During the reporting period, NextDecade LNG, LLC (“NextDecade”), an affiliate of the Rio Grande Entities, filed the following long-term agreements with the U.S. Department of Energy pursuant to Condition D of Order No. 3869 and Condition I of Order No. 4492:
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and WWM Logistics, LLC dated November 18, 2024, and an associated transaction confirmation dated February 27, 2026; and
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and ConocoPhillips Company dated July 29, 2025, and an associated transaction confirmation dated March 6, 2026.
- On March 19, 2026, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Addressing Arguments Raised on Rehearing (“Rehearing Order”)² of the Commission’s August 29, 2025 Order on Remand.³ The Commission’s Rehearing Order sustained the result of the Order on Remand, which reaffirmed the Commission’s determination that the Project is not inconsistent with the public interest under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (212) 506-3710.

Respectfully submitted,

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² *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, et al.*, 194 FERC ¶ 61,218 (2026).

³ *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, et al.*, 192 FERC ¶ 61,198 (2025).