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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Fossil Energy
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
P.O. Box 44375
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Attention: Natural Gas Reports

Re: Magnolia LNG LLC

**DOE Semi-Annual Report** 

DOE/FE Order No. 3245, FE Docket No. 12-183-LNG

To: Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph I of the above-referenced DOE/FE Order, please accept this progress report for Magnolia LNG LLC ("Magnolia LNG"). This report covers the period from its last report in this docket, filed on February 28, 2014, through September 30, 2014. Consistent with Ordering Paragraph I, Magnolia LNG will continue to file semi-annual reports with the Department.

Any questions regarding this correspondence may be directed to the undersigned at 202.778.9014 or david.wochner@klgates.com.

Best regards,

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Magnolia LNG LLC FE Docket No. 12-183-LNG DOE/FE Order No. 3245 Semi-Annual Report Period Ending September 30, 2014

## <u>Progress of the Proposed Magnolia LNG Terminal</u>

The regulatory permitting process for the Magnolia LNG Terminal is in progress. Magnolia LNG filed its formal application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") on April 30, 2014, after completing the mandatory FERC pre-filing process. On June 30, 2014, Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline filed its application with FERC to construct the facilities necessary to deliver natural gas to the Magnolia LNG Project.

As part of the regulatory process, Magnolia LNG has continued to conduct substantial outreach at the state and local levels with governmental agencies, elected officials, civic organizations, and citizens groups. Notably, Magnolia LNG received a Letter of Recommendation from the U.S. Coast Guard, dated September 15, 2014, approving the Project's Waterway Suitability Assessment. In addition, the Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued a Letter of No Objection to FERC dated September 17, 2014, approving the Project's design spill methodology.

Magnolia LNG maintains the goal of commencing construction in 2015, with first production coming in the first half of 2018. Magnolia LNG executed an Engineering, Procurement & Construction ("EPC") Contract Term Sheet with SK E&C USA, Inc. and the process of drafting the Lump Sum Turn Key EPC Contract has commenced. The Front End Engineering Design by SK E&C is progressing on schedule and budget, and a supplier and subcontractor inquiry process to support the EPC Capital Cost Estimate is underway.

LNG Limited, Magnolia LNG's parent company, raised an additional A\$49.5 million, welcoming Fairview Capital Asset Management, LLC and Claren Road Asset Management, LLC as significant new shareholders. The Project is now fully funded to Financial Close, which remains planned for mid-2015.

Magnolia LNG also has made the following key hires:

- John Baguley Chief Operating Officer
- Rick Cape Chief Commercial Officer
- Rafael Hernandez Vice President, Engineering and Construction
- Gregory Pilkinton EPC Commercial Director
- Ron Hogan EPC Planning Director

## **Status of Long-Term LNG Offtake Agreements**

Contract negotiations for long-term tolling agreements continue to progress. In addition to the term sheets reported in the February 28, 2014 semi-annual report in this docket, in March 2014, Magnolia LNG executed a Tolling Agreement Term Sheet with AES Latin American Development, Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of The AES Corporation Group, for between 800,000 and 1 million metric tons per annum for a 20-year period. In compliance with Paragraphs D and F of DOE/FE Order No. 3245, Magnolia LNG will file a copy of any long-term contracts, including long-term supply contracts, within 30 days of execution.