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Attention: Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC  
FE Docket No. 16-28-LNG  
Order No. 3866, Order Condition J – Semi-annual Progress Report

Dear Sirs & Madams:

Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC (“Plaquemines LNG”) hereby submits to the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”) this semi-annual report in compliance with ordering paragraph J of Order No. 3866 issued in FE Docket No. 16-28-LNG on July 21, 2016. This order grants long-term, multi-contract authorization to export liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) to countries with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a Free-Trade Agreement (“FTA”) requiring the national treatment of natural gas from the proposed liquefaction and LNG export project being developed by Plaquemines LNG on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (the “Project”). Plaquemines LNG’s application for authorization to export LNG from the Project to nations with which the United States does not have such a FTA, but with which trade is not prohibited, is pending in the same proceeding.

**a) Progress of the Project:**

- Plaquemines LNG and its pipeline affiliate, Venture Global Gator Express, LLC, (together referred to as “Applicants”) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) its formal application for the Project on February 28, 2017 (the “Application”). Progress continues in the FERC proceedings, which are pending in FERC Docket Nos. CP17-66-000 and CP17-67-000. Applicants continue to submit supplemental information and updates regarding the Project. Developments since the most recent semi-annual report are summarized below.

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- On April 28, 2017, Applicants responded to an April 4, 2017 Engineering Information Request issued by the FERC Staff and provided supplemental engineering information referenced in the Application.
- On May 24, 2017 and September 8, 2017, Applicants submitted additional supplemental information referenced in the Application.
- On June 7, 2017, Gator Express responded to a May 18, 2017 Data Request issued by the FERC Staff.
- On June 30, 2017, Applicants responded to the June 14, 2017 Environmental Information Requests issued by the FERC Staff. Applicants provided a supplement to such response on July 28, 2017.
- On August 11, 2017 and September 26, 2017, Applicants provided agency correspondence updates to FERC.

**b) Date the Project is expected to be operational:**

- Plaquemines LNG anticipates that, following the completion of the FERC and DOE approval process, it will begin initial operation of the Project in late 2020, commence full operation of Phase 1 in mid-2021, and full operation of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 in early 2023, all as detailed in the Application filed with FERC.

**c) Status of the long-term contracts associated with the long-term export of LNG and any long-term supply contracts:**

- Plaquemines LNG continues to negotiate Sales and Purchase Agreements with potential customers for the export of LNG from the Project. Plaquemines LNG will file all long-term, binding contracts associated with the export of LNG from its facility once executed, in accordance with the requirements of its DOE/FE authorization.

We hope this update provides you with sufficient detail regarding the status of the Project in compliance with Order No. 3866. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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