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Attention:Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLCFE Docket No. 16-28-LNGOrder 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.
- On October 6, 2017, Applicants responded to FERC Staff's September 6, 2017 Engineering Information Request.

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- On October 17, 2017, Applicants submitted an agency correspondence update and air dispersion and electronic modelling files to FERC.
- On October 24, 2017, Applicants submitted a supplemental response to FERC Staff's June 14, 2017 Environmental Information Request.
- On December 21, 2017 and January 24, 2018, Plaquemines LNG submitted supplemental LNG tank design information to FERC.
- On December 22, 2017, Applicants responded to FERC Staff's December 11, 2017 Environmental Information Request.
- On January 11, 2018, Plaquemines LNG responded to FERC Staff's December 13, 2017 Engineering Information Request.
- On January 26, 2018, Applicants provided a supplemental response to FERC Staff's December 11, 2017 Environmental Information Request.
- On February 13, 2018, Applicants provided a supplemental response to FERC Staff's December 13, 2017 Engineering Information Request.
- On February 15, 2018, Gator Express responded to FERC Staff's February 13, 2018 data request, providing updated cost of service and initial recourse rate information for the Gator Express Pipeline.

#### 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 commence operation of Phase 1 in mid-2022, and operation of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 in early 2024.

# 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.

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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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