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Attention: Ms. Larine Moore, Docket Room FE-34

**Re: Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.
ECA Mid-Scale Project
DOE/FE Order No. 4317
FE Docket No. 18-144-LNG
Semi-Annual Report**

Dear Ms. Moore,

On January 25, 2019, in DOE/FE Order No. 4317, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, granted to Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V. (“ECA”) a long-term, multi-contract authorization to export natural gas to Mexico and to re-export liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) from its proposed ECA Mid-Scale Project to nations that have free trade agreements with the United States requiring national treatment in the trade of natural gas. One of the conditions of that authorization is that ECA file semi-annual written reports (on or before April 1 and October 1 of each year) describing the progress of the planned ECA Mid-Scale Project. ECA hereby submits the semi-annual report covering the period April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

As noted in the document ECA submitted to the DOE/FE in the captioned docket on February 13, 2019 entitled “Project Update – Information Regarding Permitting and Commercial Developments” ECA now has in place all necessary key federal Mexican environmental authorizations to construct and operate the liquefaction terminal facilities for the ECA Mid-Scale Project. On March 29, 2019, the DOE /FE issued Order No. 4364 authorizing ECA to export natural gas to Mexico and to re-export LNG to Non-FTA Countries.

In addition, ECA has continued to progress permitting, commercial and marketing activities. As noted in the February 13 filing, substantial progress has been made in the

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commercial development of the ECA Mid-Scale Project. Specifically, in November 2018, it was announced that heads of agreements have been signed with three potential customers for the negotiation of sales and purchase agreements for the full capacity of the ECA Mid-Scale Project. Based on the anticipated timing of receipt of necessary authorizations and the current project schedule, ECA aims to reach a Final Investment Decision by year-end 2019 and estimates that it will export from the ECA Mid-Scale Project in 2023.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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