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U.S. Department of Energy  
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Attention: Natural Gas Reports

**Re: Rio Grande LNG, LLC – Semi-Annual Progress Report  
DOE/FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG**

To: Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FE Order 3869, please accept the following progress report for Rio Grande LNG, LLC (“Rio Grande LNG” or the “Project”). This report covers the period from April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

- Rio Grande LNG continues to progress through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) approval process and engage in commercial discussions for long-term LNG sales contracts. On April 26, 2019, FERC issued the Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) for the Project. A final order is expected in Q4 2019.
- On May 28, 2019, NextDecade Corporation announced that it had entered into two contracts with Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals (“Bechtel”) for the engineering, procurement, and construction (“EPC”) of Rio Grande LNG. The lump sum turnkey EPC contracts are for the first phase of the Project, which consists of three liquefaction trains, two 180,000 cubic meter storage tanks and two marine berths totaling \$9.565 billion.
- On August 8, 2019, the National Marine Fisheries Service (“NMFS”) issued a letter confirming the conclusion of the Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation for the Project.
- On September 18, 2019, NextDecade Corporation announced that it had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Enbridge Inc. to jointly pursue the development of the Rio Bravo Pipeline and other natural gas pipelines in South Texas to transport natural gas to Rio Grande LNG.

Consistent with Ordering Paragraph J, Rio Grande LNG will continue to file semi-annual reports with DOE. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (202) 778-9014 or at [david.wochner@klgates.com](mailto:david.wochner@klgates.com).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wochner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

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