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RE: Fourchon LNG LLC, FE Docket No. 17-105-LNG, Order No. 4162, Order Condition J—Semi-Annual Progress Report

To Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply:

Pursuant to paragraph J of Order No. 4162, Fourchon LNG LLC (Fourchon LNG) submits this semi-annual progress report describing the progress of the natural gas liquefaction facilities being developed by Fourchon LNG at Port Fourchon, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana (the “Project”).

On August 17, 2017, Fourchon LNG filed its application for authorization to export LNG for a 30-year term to any country with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries), and or for a 20-year term with any country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. 4162 on March 11, 2018, authorizing Fourchon LNG to export approximately 260 Bcf/year of natural gas for a 30-year term to any country with whom the United States has an agreement or may subsequently enter into an agreement allowing free trade in natural gas. The Order takes effect beginning on the earlier of the date of first export or seven years from the date the authorization is issued (March 11, 2025).

On October 1, 2019, Fourchon LNG submitted its fourth semi-annual progress report under Order No. 4162. This is its fifth semi-annual report.

Regulatory Developments

On August 21, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approved Fourchon LNG’s request to initiate the FERC’s National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) pre-filing review of the Fourchon LNG’s project. The pre-filing review process has continued since then. During the last six months, the work on the FERC pre-filing process has included, among other things:

- Resource Reports 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12: These reports filed in previous periods, and Fourchon LNG has received comments on them from FERC and is currently working with its consultants to address them.
- Resource Reports 9, 11 and 13: Drafting is in advanced stages, and efforts are underway for submission. Fourchon LNG is working to ensure that all Appendices will be issued according to the latest Project layout, which will also be issued as an addendum to Resource Report 1.
- Fourchon LNG has continued to work with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission and other stakeholders at the Port.
- Fourchon LNG has undertaken consultations with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Protected Resources Division (PRD) and the Habitat Conservation Division (HCD).

Anticipated Next Steps

As described, Fourchon LNG continues to make significant progress on the FERC pre-filing process, and it anticipates completing and submitting all Draft Reports in the near term. It expects that it will be able to conclude the FERC pre-filing process and file its Section 3 application with FERC by December 31, 2020. As a result, it anticipates that FERC will issue its final Environmental Impact Statement in 2021 and that the FERC Order authorizing the project will follow shortly thereafter. Subject to the receipt of the required approvals, Fourchon hopes to commence construction of the first phase of an expected multi-phase project by the end of 2021.

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Fourchon LNG believes that the foregoing summary provides the detail required under paragraph J of Order 4162 regarding the project status. However, please contact the undersigned if any additional information is needed at this time.

Sincerely,



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