



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

August 19, 2021

**By Certified Mail**

David P. Smith, President  
Alturas LLC  
2355 Main Street, Suite 210  
Irvine, CA 92614

**RE: Notice of Deficiency of Pending Application**  
**Docket No. 14-55-LNG**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 18, 2014, Alturas LLC (Alturas) submitted an application (Application)<sup>1</sup> to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management<sup>2</sup> requesting long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to free trade agreement countries. The Application remains pending in Docket No. 14-55-LNG.

On July 8, 2021, Alturas's then-counsel, Mr. David Wochner and Ms. Sandra Safro, filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel (Notice).<sup>3</sup> They informed DOE that they "have been unable to secure information from Alturas LLC regarding a company point of contact going forward," and that they "are not aware of [Alturas's] plans for the project."<sup>4</sup>

Under DOE's regulations, an applicant is required to "amend or supplement the application whenever there are changes in material facts or conditions upon which the proposal is based."<sup>5</sup> In light of the Notice, we ask that Alturas amend the Application to provide new points of contact for the official service list, a new signed opinion of legal counsel, and any other updates to the materials facts or conditions upon which the Application is based.<sup>6</sup> Until Alturas submits this information to DOE in writing, the Application is deemed deficient.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Alturas LLC, Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement Countries, Docket No. 14-55-LNG (Apr. 18, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> On July 4, 2021, DOE's Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management.

<sup>3</sup> Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel, Docket No. 14-55-LNG (July 8, 2021) [hereinafter Notice].

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>5</sup> 10 C.F.R. § 590.204(a).

<sup>6</sup> *See id.* § 590.202.

<sup>7</sup> *See id.* § 590.203.

If DOE does not receive the requested information within 30 days, DOE will dismiss the Application without prejudice to Alturas filing a new application in the future.<sup>8</sup>

If you wish to set up a call to discuss the Application within the next 30 days, please contact me at: [jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov](mailto:jennifer.wade@hq.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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Jennifer L. Wade  
Director, Division of Natural Gas Regulation  
Office of Oil and Natural Gas

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<sup>8</sup> *Id.*