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**Re: Commonwealth LNG, LLC – Semi Annual Progress Report
DOE/FE Docket No. 19-134-LNG**

To: Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph H of DOE/FE Order No. 4521, please accept the following semi-annual progress report for Commonwealth LNG, LLC (“Commonwealth”). This report covers the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

- On May 4, 2021, FERC transmitted a Biological Assessment for the Commonwealth project to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) and requested initiation of formal section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act.
- On June 25, 2021, Commonwealth filed Design Spill Package documents with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”).
- On July 7, 2021, Commonwealth filed an application seeking FERC authorization to (1) modify the LNG storage tank design to comply with PHMSA guidance and other applicable code requirements, and (2) increase the net capacity of the LNG storage tanks from 40,000 m³ to 50,000 m³ for a total working storage volume of 300,000 m³.
- On August 2, 2021, Commonwealth announced that it had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Summit Oil and Shipping Co. Ltd., an importer and supplier of fuel oil to Bangladesh.
- On September 16, 2021, USFWS issued its Biological Opinion for the Commonwealth LNG project.
- On September 24, 2021, FERC issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Revised Schedule for Environmental Review, noting the issuance of the draft EIS in March 2022, the issuance of the Final EIS on September 9, 2022, and setting the 90-Day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline as December 8, 2022.

Consistent with Ordering Paragraph H, Commonwealth 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.

Best regards,

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