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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Fossil Energy
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
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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 and Ordering Paragraph M of DOE/FE Order 4992, 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, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

- On April 14, 2021, Rio Grande LNG’s parent company NextDecade Corporation (“NextDecade”) announced the signing of an engineering services agreement with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc. for the design, license, and performance guarantee of the KM CDR Process™, a post-combustion carbon capture technology for use at the Project.
- On April 19, 2021, NextDecade and Project Canary announced the formation of a pilot project for monitoring, reporting, and independent third-party measurement and certification of the greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity of LNG to be sold from the Project.
- On June 21, 2021, NextDecade announced that its Board of Directors appointed Ivan Van der Walt as Chief Operating Officer effective July 1, 2021, and Vera de Gyarfas as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary effective July 12, 2021.
- On August 3, 2021, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued an opinion and order in the proceeding, *Vecinos para el Bienestar, et al. v. FERC*, no. 20-1045, remanding the order without vacatur for FERC to provide further explanation of the Project’s impacts on climate and environmental justice communities.
- On September 22, 2021, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved modifications to and reissued the Department of the Army Clean Water Act Section 404 / Rivers & Harbors Act Section 10 Permit No. SWG-2015-00114.

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.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David L. Wochner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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