

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

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STROM, INC.)	DOCKET NO. 14-56-LNG
_____)	DOCKET NO. 15-78-LNG
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO VACATE LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION TO
EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT NATIONS, AND TO WITHDRAW PENDING
EXPORT APPLICATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 3537-A

DECEMBER 21, 2021

On October 21, 2014, in Docket No. 14-56-LNG, the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM)¹ of the Department of Energy (DOE), issued Order No. 3537² to Strom, Inc. (Strom) under section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).³ Under this order, Strom is authorized to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to approximately 28.21 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas from its proposed liquefaction facility to be located in Crystal River, Florida (Facility). The LNG may be exported for a term of 25 years, beginning on the earlier of the date of first export or five years from the date the authorization is issued, to any country with which the United States has a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas.⁴

Additionally, on May 6, 2015, in Docket No. 15-78-LNG, Strom filed an application (Application) with DOE requesting authorization to export domestically produced LNG in a volume equivalent to approximately 56.42 Bcf/yr of natural gas from Strom's proposed Facility to countries with which the United States does not have an FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries).⁵ This non-FTA Application, filed under NGA section 3(a),⁶ is pending before DOE.

On November 18, 2021, Strom submitted a request asking DOE to: (i) vacate Order No.

¹ The Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management on July 4, 2021.

² *Strom, Inc.*, DOE/FE Order No. 3537, Docket No. 14-56-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas in ISO Containers Loaded at the Proposed Strom LNG Terminal in Crystal River, Florida, and Exported by Vessel to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Oct. 21, 2014).

³ 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c). The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. § 717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2021, issued on March 25, 2021.

⁴ The United States currently has FTAs requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas with Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, and Singapore. FTAs with Israel and Costa Rica do not require national treatment for trade in natural gas.

⁵ *Strom, Inc.*, Application for Long-term, Multi-contract Authorization to Export LNG to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, Docket No. 15-78-LNG (May 6, 2015).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

3537, and (ii) withdraw the pending non-FTA Application, both effective retroactively on October 1, 2021 (Request).⁷ In support of this Request, Strom states that it has decided to move the proposed Facility to another state.⁸

DOE finds good cause to grant Strom's Request. Accordingly, pursuant to NGA section 3(c), the authorization granted to Strom in Order No. 3537 is vacated. Additionally, Strom's Application is withdrawn, pursuant to NGA section 3(a) and 10 C.F.R. § 590.204(c). The effective date of these actions is October 1, 2021.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 21, 2021.

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⁷ See Emails from Dean M. Wallace, Strom, Inc., to DOE, Docket Nos. 14-56-LNG and 15-78-LNG (Nov. 18 and Nov. 24, 2021).

⁸ See *id.*