

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

CORPUS CHRISTI LIQUEFACTION, LLC)
(formerly Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC))

DOCKET NO. 18-78-LNG

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO AMEND AUTHORIZATIONS
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
TO REFLECT CORPORATE REORGANIZATION

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 4277-B
DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 4490-B

AUGUST 25, 2022

On March 28, 2022, the authorization holder then known as Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC (CCL Stage III) filed a Notice of Corporate Reorganization and Request for Transfer with the Department of Energy’s (DOE)¹ Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) in the above-captioned proceedings.² The Notice described “an expected corporate reorganization resulting in the merger of CCL Stage III with and into [Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (CCL)], with CCL as the surviving entity and successor in interest to all of CCL Stage III’s assets and obligations.”³ The Notice also stated that no change in control would occur as a result of the merger.⁴

On May 10, 2022, DOE notified counsel for CCL Stage III that it agreed that the planned corporate reorganization would not result in a change in control.⁵ DOE stated that “[o]nce CCL provides notice that the merger has occurred as described, DOE will issue an order transferring the [pertinent] authorizations to CCL.”⁶

On July 5, 2022, DOE received notice that CCL Stage III had merged into CCL effective June 15, 2022, with CCL as the surviving entity and successor in interest to all of CCL Stage III’s assets and obligations.⁷ CCL has asked DOE to amend the following export authorizations

¹ The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (15 U.S.C. § 717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2022, issued on June 13, 2022.

² Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC, Notice of Corporate Reorganization and Request for Transfer, Docket No. 18-78-LNG (Mar. 28, 2022).

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ *See id.*

⁵ *See* Letter from DOE to Lisa M. Tonery, Counsel for CCL Stage III, Re: Notice of Corporate Reorganization and Request for Transfer, at 3-4 (May 10, 2022).

⁶ *Id.* at 4.

⁷ Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC, Notice of Completion of Corporate Reorganization, Docket No. 18-78-LNG (July 5, 2022).

“to name CCL as the authorization holder and remove reference to CCL Stage III”⁸ in light of the merger:

- (i) DOE/FE Order No. 4277, as amended,⁹ and
- (ii) DOE/FE Order No. 4490, as amended.¹⁰

CCL is currently authorized to export domestically-produced LNG by vessel from the Corpus Christi LNG Terminal located in San Patricio and Nueces Counties, Texas, as specified in each order and as summarized in the Notice of Corporate Reorganization and Request for Transfer.¹¹

DOE reaffirms its finding that CCL’s corporate reorganization does not constitute a change in control. DOE further finds that the request to amend DOE/FE Order Nos. 4277 and 4490—and the amendments to each order, as applicable—to reflect the corporate reorganization and merger is consistent with the public interest, pursuant to NGA section 3.¹²

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

- A. The name of the authorization holder of DOE/FE Order Nos. 4277 and 4490, as amended, is amended to Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC, effective June 15, 2022.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4277, FE Docket No. 18-78-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Stage 3 LNG Facilities to be Located at the Corpus Christi LNG Terminal in San Patricio and Nueces Counties, Texas, to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Nov. 9, 2018), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 4277-A (Oct. 21, 2020) (extending export term through December 31, 2050).

¹⁰ *Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4490, FE Docket No. 18-78-LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (Feb. 10, 2020), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 4490-A (Oct. 21, 2020) (extending export term through December 31, 2050).

¹¹ *See* Notice, *supra* note 2, at 1-2.

¹² 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

B. All obligations arising under DOE/FE Order Nos. 4277 and 4490, as amended, no longer apply to Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC, and now apply to Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC.

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