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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
P.O. Box 44375
Washington, DC 20026-4375
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, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

- On April 6, 2022, Rio Grande LNG filed a request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) to extend the deadline to complete construction of the Project and place it into service by two years, or until November 22, 2028. This request is currently pending with FERC.
- On April 6, 2022, Rio Grande LNG’s parent company NextDecade Corporation (“NextDecade”) entered into a binding LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (“SPA”) with ENN LNG (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. for the purchase of approximately 78,000,000 million British thermal units (“MMBtu”) per year of LNG from the Project, for a period of 20 years. Rio Grande LNG filed that agreement with DOE consistent with regulatory requirements.
- On April 14, 2022, NextDecade entered into a binding SPA with ENGIE S.A. for the purchase of approximately 91,200,000 MMBtu per year of LNG from the Project, for a period of 15 years. Rio Grande LNG filed that agreement with DOE consistent with regulatory requirements.
- On June 30, 2022, NextDecade entered into a binding SPA with Guangdong Energy Group Natural Gas Co., Ltd. and Guangdong Energy Group Co., Ltd. for the purchase of approximately 54,300,000 MMBtu per year of LNG from the Project, for a period of 20 years. Rio Grande LNG filed that agreement with DOE consistent with regulatory requirements.
- On July 5, 2022, NextDecade entered into a binding SPA with China Gas Hongda Energy Trading Co., LTD. for the purchase of approximately 52,000,000 MMBtu per year of LNG from the Project,

for a period of 20 years. Rio Grande LNG filed that agreement with DOE consistent with regulatory requirements.

- On July 27, 2022, NextDecade entered into a binding SPA with ExxonMobil LNG Asia Pacific for the purchase of approximately 52,000,000 MMBtu per year of LNG from the Project, for a period of 20 years. Rio Grande LNG filed that agreement with DOE consistent with regulatory requirements.
- On August 31, 2022, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit held oral arguments for the appeal filed by several parties of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404 permit, SWG-2015-00114, as modified and reinstated September 22, 2021, issued to Rio Grande LNG, LLC and Rio Bravo Pipeline, LLC.
- On September 2, 2022, FERC issued its “Notice of Scoping” for Rio Grande LNG’s proposed carbon capture and sequestration systems project, requesting comments on the project and formally beginning its environmental review of the project.

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, appearing to read "D. L. Wochner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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