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**Re: NFE Altamira FLNG, S. de R.L. de C.V.  
FECM Docket No. 22-110-LNG**

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

On September 9, 2022, NFE Altamira FLNG, S. de R.L. de C.V. ("NFE Altamira"), an indirect subsidiary of New Fortress Energy Inc. ("NFE"), filed an Application with the United States Department of Energy's ("DOE") Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management ("DOE/FECM") requesting authorization to engage in long-term multi-contract exports of domestically-produced natural gas by pipeline to Mexico via existing cross-border facilities, and further requesting long-term, multi-contract authorization to re-export liquefied natural gas ("LNG") from the proposed NFE Altamira Project ("Project") in Mexico to both free trade agreement ("FTA") and non-FTA nations for a term extending through December 31, 2050.

As background, NFE owns, constructs and operates global gas-to-power energy infrastructure assets around the world, utilizing LNG as a means to provide cleaner, more stable, and more affordable fuel for power generation. NFE currently operates regasification terminals and power plants in numerous locations, including, but not limited to, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Mexico, and Brazil, and is actively developing additional facilities around the world.

As detailed in the Application, the proposed Project and associated exports of U.S.-sourced gas will generate significant public benefits to the United States and its allies. First, the Project equipment is being constructed in Texas, where ongoing construction has resulted in the employment of over 3,000 U.S. workers. To date, NFE Altamira has invested more than four million manhours on the Project in Texas, and expects this number to exceed five million manhours by the time the Project is complete in the second quarter of this year. Once operational, the Project will generate millions of dollars in tax revenues for the United States each year through a variety of activities, including sales of LNG, rents on leases of U.S. equipment such as marine vessels and rigs, and the employment of hundreds of U.S. workers.

Once the pending Application is approved by DOE/FECM and the Project is placed in service, the LNG produced by the Project can be supplied to regions around the world in need of natural gas. The ongoing international conflict in Ukraine has highlighted the need for the United States to assist its allies globally in reducing their dependence on Russian energy sources, and NFE Altamira's LNG exports will provide a key alternative to our allies in those areas where Russian



gas is being displaced. In addition, and consistent with NFE's principal mission to accelerate the world's transition to reliable, affordable, and clean energy, the LNG will be supplied to regions around the world where NFE's operations aim to replace fuel sources that have higher emissions profiles, such as coal and fuel oil, with cleaner sources of energy.

As detailed in the Application, the Project is designed using a modular approach to facilitate liquefaction capacity more quickly, in order to rapidly address the global shortage in available LNG. The Project facilities are in the final stages of construction and will be ready for installation and start-up within the next few months. NFE's efficient and repeatable construction process substantially reduces the cost and time to build the incremental liquefaction capacity the global energy market so urgently needs. The Project will initially involve the installation of two liquefaction systems off the coast of Altamira Tamaulipas, Mexico, in the Gulf of Mexico, each of which can produce 1.4 million metric tons of LNG per year. In the future, these facilities could be repurposed and utilized in a different location, including in waters off the coast of the United States.

Finally, DOE/FECM itself recognized in two very recent orders authorizing natural gas exports to Mexico for re-export as LNG, that proposed re-exports of LNG to non-FTA nations will improve the liquidity of international natural gas markets and will make a positive contribution to the United States' trade balance, and generate net economic benefits to the broader U.S. economy.<sup>1</sup>

Given the foregoing public benefits, NFE Altamira respectfully requests that DOE/FECM move forward with review and approval of its pending Application, including issuance of the Environmental Assessment associated with the review of the non-FTA export authorization request and issuance of the FTA export authorization, as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> See *Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.*, Order Amending Long-Term Authorization to Re-Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas from Mexico to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FECM Order No. 4365-B, Docket No. 18-145-LNG (Dec. 20, 2022); *Vista Pacifico LNG, S.A.P.I. de C.V.*, Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Re-Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas from Mexico to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FECM Order No. 4929, Docket No. 20-153-LNG (Dec. 20, 2022).

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list in this proceeding.

Dated at New York, N.Y., this 13th day of February, 2023.

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