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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Attention: Amy Sweeney
Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement

**Re: Mexico Pacific Limited LLC, Docket No. 22-167-LNG
Mexican Permitting Review Summary**

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

On December 28, 2022, Mexico Pacific Limited LLC (“MPL”) filed an Application with the United States Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (“DOE/FECM”) requesting long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced natural gas to Mexico and to re-export quantities of that natural gas not consumed in Mexico in the form of liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) to both free trade agreement (“FTA”) and non-free trade agreement (“non-FTA”) nations.¹ MPL filed the Application in connection with its continuing development of an LNG production and offtake facility located in the State of Sonora, Mexico (the “MPL Facility”). On April 28, 2023, DOE/FECM issued an order authorizing MPL to export U.S.-sourced natural gas by pipeline to Mexico and to re-export quantities of that natural

¹ Application of Mexico Pacific Limited LLC for Additional Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Natural Gas to Mexico and to Re-Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, Docket No. 22-267-LNG (Dec. 28, 2022) (“Application”).

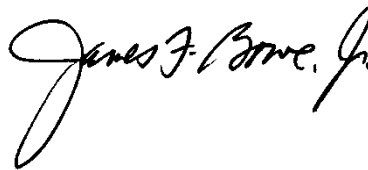
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gas not consumed in Mexico in the form of LNG to FTA nations.² The non-FTA portion of the Application remains pending.

On October 23, 2023, DOE/FECM issued a Notice of Environmental Assessment in the above captioned proceeding.³ In the Notice of Environmental Assessment, DOE/FECM indicated that it would prepare an Environmental Assessment for the non-FTA export authorization MPL was seeking, and DOE/FECM would include in the Environmental Assessment, “a description of Mexico’s environmental review process for the construction and operation of liquefaction terminals and related facilities.”⁴ To assist DOE/FECM in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment, MPL provides in Attachment A hereto a summary of the Mexican review process and the status of the MPL’s approvals and permits from the Mexican regulatory authorities.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (202) 626-9601 or by email at jbowe@kslaw.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James F. Bowe, Jr." in a cursive script.

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cc: Krysta De Lima, MPL

² See *Mexico Pac. Ltd. LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 4995, Docket No. 22-167-LNG (Apr. 28, 2023).

³ Mexico Pacific Limited LLC, Notice of Environmental Assessment, Docket No. 22-167-LNG (Oct. 23, 2023).

⁴ *Id.* at 6.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 590.107, I, Tyler R. Brown, hereby certify that I caused the above documents to be served on the persons included on the official service list for this docket, as provided by DOE/FE, on November 9, 2023.

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VERIFICATION

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 590.103(b), I, Tyler R. Brown, hereby verify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to execute this verification, that I have read the Mexican Permitting Review Summary dated November 9, 2023, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Electronically signed at Atlanta, GA, on November 9, 2023.

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Attachment A

The MPL Facility and any associated pipelines constructed in Mexico by MPL or its affiliates are subject to review and approval by Mexican agencies under the federal laws of Mexico.

The Government of Mexico maintains an extensive and robust project review and approval protocol largely governed by two relevant federal statutes: (i) Ley de Hidrocarburos and (ii) Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y la Protección al Ambiente (LGEEPA).

Pursuant to these statutes, various Mexican agencies with jurisdiction over MPL's proposed activities have evaluated numerous safety, environmental, social, and cultural issues related to the construction and operation of the MPL Facility and any associated pipelines.

MPL has materially progressed permitting activities in Mexico since filing the Application on December 28, 2022. Among key permits received in recent months are a 20-year LNG export permit from Secretaría de Energía (SENER) in July 2023 and a renewed environmental impact assessment issued by Agencia de Seguridad, Energía y Ambiente (ASEA) in October 2023.

The table below represents a non-exhaustive list of key federal permits that the project has obtained or expects to receive in the near future. The table reflects the permits having been issued as recently as November 7, 2023.

In the case of the permits listed at the bottom of the table, which are permits pending issuance by various Mexican authorities, MPL expects each of these remaining permits to be issued within the month of November 2023.

Permit	Agency	Summary / Purpose	Approved Date
Permiso de Exportación	Secretaría de Energía (SENER)	Approval to export LNG from Mexico to global markets, 20-year term for full Phase I (3-train) volumes	July 13, 2023
Manifestación de Impacto Ambiental (MIA)	Agencia de Seguridad, Energía y Ambiente (ASEA)	Environmental Impact Assessment and Risk Study	August 10, 2018
Modificación del MIA	Agencia de Seguridad, Energía y Ambiente (ASEA)	Environmental Impact Assessment and Risk Study, modification extends term of permit, 5 years for construction, 30 years for operation	October 26, 2023
Autorización Arqueológica	Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH)	Approval of work in areas of archaeological monuments	February 20, 2023
Constancia de Registro de la Conformación del Sistema de Administración de Seguridad Industrial, Seguridad Operativa, y Protección al Medio Ambiente (SASISOPA)	Agencia de Seguridad, Energía y Ambiente (ASEA)	Environmental Safety Management System Registration	August 3, 2022
Estudio Técnico Justificativo (ETJ)	Agencia de Seguridad, Energía y Ambiente (ASEA)	Change in land use and zoning	November 3, 2023
Permiso de Licuefacción	Comisión Reguladora de Energía (CRE)	Permit for the liquefaction of natural gas in Puerto Libertad, Sonora	June 17, 2019
Modificación del Permiso de Licuefacción	Comisión Reguladora de Energía (CRE)	Modification of the previously issued liquefaction permit, including change in development calendar and optimization of equipment selection, design, and engineering	November 7, 2023
Permiso Generación Eléctrica Aislada	Comisión Reguladora de Energía (CRE)	Power generation and use within the LNG facility and at each compressor station location for the Sierra Madre Pipeline	October 30, 2023
Renovación de los Derechos de Concesión 289.08, Direccion General De Zona Federal Maritimo Terrestre y Ambientes Costeros (ZOFEMAT)	Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT)	Concession for the construction and operation of a jetty	July 12, 2023
Renovación de los Derechos de Concesión 028.05, Direccion General De Zona Federal Maritimo Terrestre y Ambientes Costeros (ZOFEMAT)	Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT)	Concession for the construction and operation of marine facilities	September 26, 2023
Permiso Transporte	Comisión Reguladora de Energía (CRE)	Permit to transport natural gas by pipeline	September 28, 2023
Tabuladores de Instituto de Administración y Avalúos de Bienes Nacionales (IddAABiN)	Secretaría de Energía (SENER)	Appraisal tables to acquire pipeline Right-of-Way and land plots	June 5, 2023 (SON) June 23, 2023 (CHI)
Permits Pending Issuance			
Evaluación de Impacto Social y Ambiental (EviS)	Secretaría de Energía (SENER)	Social Impact Assessment for LNG terminal and Sierra Madre Pipeline	<i>Expected November 2023</i>
Concesión Portuaria	Secretaría de Marina (SEMAR), Armada de México	Concession for the construction and operation of an exclusive port	<i>Expected November 2023</i>

