UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

CASTLETON COMMODITIES MEXICO S. DE R.L. DE C.V. DOCKET NO. 23-126-NG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 5077

DECEMBER 8, 2023

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On November 2, 2023, Castleton Commodities Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V. (Castleton Commodities Mexico) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) requesting blanket authorization under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)[1] for the authority summarized in the list below. The applicant requests the authorization for a two-year term beginning on December 8, 2023. Castleton Commodities Mexico is a Mexico limited liability company with its principal place of business in CuauhtÃ©moc, Distrito Federal, Mexico.

1. Export up to 50 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico

II. FINDING

DOE has evaluated the application to determine if the proposed import and/or export arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under NGA section 3(c), imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from or to any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest.[2] DOE must grant such applications without modification or delay.[3] The authorization sought by Castleton Commodities Mexico meets the NGA section 3(c) criteria, and, therefore, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. Castleton Commodities Mexico is authorized for the activity described below. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on December 8, 2023, and extending through December 7, 2025.

1. Export up to 50 Bcf of natural gas to Mexico by pipeline at any point on the border between the United States and Mexico

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1. Authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, 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-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

2. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

3. *Id.*

B. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports and/or exports authorized by this Order, Castleton Commodities Mexico shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report on Form FE-746R indicating whether imports and/or exports have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and/or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports have occurred, the report must provide the information specified for each applicable activity and mode of transportation, as set forth in the Guidelines for Filing Monthly Reports. These Guidelines are available at: https://www.energy.gov/fecm/guidelines-filing-monthly-reports.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

C. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2024, and should cover the reporting period from December 8, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on December 8, 2023.

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