

1. On January 25, 2024, under the above-listed docket number, DOE issued to Carib Energy (USA) LLC (“Respondent”) a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty to pursue a civil penalty against Respondent for Respondent’s exceedance of its authorized export volume of previously imported liquefied natural gas (“LNG”).
2. Pursuant to the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”), 15 U.S.C. Chapter 15B, DOE is responsible for regulating the importation and exportation of natural gas, including LNG, in foreign commerce.
3. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 717b, no person may export LNG from the United States to a foreign country without first having secured from DOE an order authorizing the person to do so.
4. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 717b, DOE may, by order, grant an application for authorization to export LNG in whole or part, with such modification and upon such terms and conditions as DOE may find necessary or appropriate.
5. Violations of 15 U.S.C. Chapter 15B, or any rule, regulation, restriction, condition, or order made or imposed by DOE under the authority of Chapter 15B, are subject to civil penalties as described in 15 U.S.C. § 717t-1(a).
6. On December 20, 2021, DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (“FECM”) issued DOE/FECM Order No. 4772 to Respondent, authorizing Respondent to export to certain nations a limited volume of previously imported LNG over a two-year period.
7. DOE/FECM Order No. 4772 required Respondent to monitor its exports of previously imported LNG and provide monthly reports to DOE.

8. On or about June 20, 2023, Respondent's exports of previously imported LNG exceeded the volume authorized by DOE in DOE/FECM Order No. 4772.
9. Respondent was unaware of its exceedance until August 28, 2023, when DOE notified Respondent that it had exceeded the volume authorized by DOE/FECM Order No. 4722.
10. On or about September 7, 2023, Respondent submitted to DOE a Request for Amendment of DOE/FECM Order No. 4772 (as supplemented on September 21, 2023), seeking an increase of its authorized LNG export volume through the end of its existing export term.
11. In the request, Respondent acknowledged that Respondent had exceeded the export volume authorized by DOE/FECM Order No. 4772.
12. Based on the information above, I find that Respondent violated DOE/FECM Order No. and 15 U.S.C. § 717b by exceeding the export volume of previously imported LNG authorized by DOE.
13. Accordingly, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 717t-1(a), I **HEREBY ASSESS** a civil penalty of \$170,700.00 (one hundred seventy thousand, seven hundred dollars) **AND ORDER** that the Settlement Agreement attached to this Order is adopted.

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