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**Re: In the Matter of Rio Grande LNG, LLC
FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG
DOE/FE Order Nos. 3869, 4492, and 4492-A
Semi-Annual Report- October 2024**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FE Order No. 3869 and Ordering Paragraph M of DOE/FE Order No. 4492,¹ Rio Grande LNG, LLC (“Rio Grande LNG”) hereby submits this semi-annual progress report for the Rio Grande LNG Terminal Project (the “Project”). This report covers the period from April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

- During the reporting period, Rio Grande LNG continued to carry out construction activities site wide, including the construction of Jetties 1 and 2, underground firewater piping installation and testing, site civil activities such as concrete foundation work, construction of the Material Offloading Facility, structural steel erection within Train 1, and liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) spill trench placement in Train 1. Work continued with production pile-driving in the outside battery limits area, improvement of onsite temporary laydown and work pads, and arrangement of temporary facilities, utilities, and structures. Construction of the Project perimeter levee continued to progress in multiple areas of the site, as well as improvements in temporary drainage and onsite construction roads.
- First exports of LNG are currently anticipated to commence September 2027.
- On August 6, 2024, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued an opinion and order in *City of Port Isabel, et al. v. FERC*, 111 F.4th 1198 (D.C. Cir. 2024), vacating FERC’s April 21, 2023 Order on Remand and Amending Section 7 Certificate,² and remanding back to the Commission.
- On May 20, 2024, NextDecade Corporation announced the execution of a 20-year LNG offtake agreement for 1.9 million tonnes per annum from the Project’s fourth liquefaction train between Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, an affiliate of Rio Grande LNG, and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company. A non-redacted copy of this agreement, as well as a public summary of major provisions, were filed with the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management on June 20, 2024.

¹ *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas By Vessel From the Proposed Rio Grande LNG Terminal in Brownsville, Texas, to Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FE Order No. 3869, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG, at Ordering Para. (J) (Aug. 17, 2016); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FE Order No. 4492, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG, at Ordering Para. (M) (Feb. 10, 2020).

² *Rio Grande LNG, LLC & Rio Bravo Pipeline Company, LLC*, 183 FERC ¶ 61,046 (2023).

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Respectfully submitted,

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