

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

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LOUISIANA LNG INFRASTRUCTURE LLC  
(formerly Driftwood LNG LLC)

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DOCKET NO. 16-144-LNG

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO AMEND AUTHORIZATIONS  
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO REFLECT  
CORPORATE NAME CHANGE

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 3968-B  
DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 4373-B

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

## **I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) (then known as the Office of Fossil Energy)<sup>1</sup> previously authorized the entity then known as Driftwood LNG LLC (Driftwood LNG) to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a total volume equivalent to 1,415.3 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas from the proposed Driftwood LNG Terminal to be located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, under the following orders:

- (i) DOE/FE Order No. 3968, as amended,<sup>2</sup> authorizing exports to any country with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries) for a 30-year term, pursuant to section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA);<sup>3</sup> and
- (ii) DOE/FE Order No. 4373, as amended,<sup>4</sup> authorizing exports to any other country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries) for a term extending through December 31, 2050, pursuant to NGA section 3(a).<sup>5</sup>

Under these authorizations, Driftwood's FTA and non-FTA volumes are not additive.

On August 16, 2024, Driftwood LNG submitted a "Statement of Change in Control" to DOE regarding an anticipated change in Driftwood LNG's upstream ownership whereby a subsidiary of Woodside Energy Group Ltd (Woodside Energy) would acquire all the

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<sup>1</sup> The Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management on July 4, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> *Driftwood LNG LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3968, Docket No. 16-144-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Driftwood LNG Facility in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Feb. 28, 2017), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 3968-A (Dec. 6, 2018) (decreasing export volume).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c). The United States currently has FTAs requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas with Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, and Singapore. FTAs with Israel and Costa Rica do not require national treatment for trade in natural gas.

<sup>4</sup> *Driftwood LNG LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4373, Docket No. 16-144-LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (May 2, 2019), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 4373-A (Dec. 10, 2020) (extending export term).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

outstanding shares of Driftwood LNG’s parent company, Tellurian Inc. (Tellurian) (Proposed Transaction).<sup>6</sup> Specifically, upon satisfaction of certain conditions precedent and completion of the Proposed Transaction, Tellurian would become a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Woodside Energy Holdings (NA) LLC.<sup>7</sup> On September 26, 2024, DOE issued an order approving this change in control immediately upon the close of the Proposed Transaction.<sup>8</sup> On October 21, 2024, Driftwood LNG submitted a notice to DOE confirming that the Proposed Transaction had closed—*i.e.*, that Woodside Energy had acquired Tellurian as described in the Statement of Change in Control.<sup>9</sup>

Most recently, on December 10, 2024, Woodside Energy submitted a “Notification of Entity and Project Name Change and Request to Update Service List” (Notification)<sup>10</sup> to DOE, in which it “provides notification of additional changes regarding the entity reflected in Driftwood LNG’s DOE Authorizations” as follows:

- On November 20, 2024, Driftwood LNG filed a Certificate of Amendment with the state of Delaware, changing its name to “Louisiana LNG Infrastructure LLC” (Louisiana LNG); and
- Woodside Energy has changed the name of the “Driftwood LNG Project” to the “Woodside Louisiana LNG Project.”<sup>11</sup>

Specifically, Louisiana LNG (through Woodside Energy) asks DOE to amend the two authorizations referenced above (Order Nos. 3968 and 4373, both as amended) to reflect its corporate name change.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Driftwood LNG LLC, Statement of Change in Control, Docket No. 16-144-LNG, at 3 (Aug. 16, 2024).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Driftwood LNG LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5173, Docket No. 16-144-LNG, Order Approving Change in Control at 6 (Sept. 26, 2024).

<sup>9</sup> Driftwood LNG LLC, Notification of Close, Docket No. 16-144-LNG (Oct. 21, 2024) (stating that the Proposed Transaction closed on October 8, 2024).

<sup>10</sup> Driftwood LNG LLC, Notification of Entity and Project Name Change and Request to Update Service List, Docket No. 16-144-LNG (Dec. 10, 2024) [hereinafter Notification].

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* (stating the requested amendment “represents a change in name only”).

Finding good cause, DOE hereby grants the requested amendments to reflect Driftwood LNG's name change to Louisiana LNG Infrastructure LLC. Additionally, going forward, DOE will refer to the LNG export project at issue in this proceeding as the Woodside Louisiana LNG Project.<sup>13</sup>

### **ORDER**

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. The name of the authorization holder of DOE/FE Order No. 3968, as amended by DOE/FE Order No. 3968-A, is amended to Louisiana LNG Infrastructure LLC.

B. The name of the authorization holder of DOE/FE Order No. 4373, as amended by DOE/FE Order No. 4373-A, is amended to Louisiana LNG Infrastructure LLC.

C. All obligations arising under DOE/FE Order Nos. 3968 and 4373, both as amended, no longer apply to Driftwood LNG LLC, and now apply to Louisiana LNG Infrastructure LLC.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 26, 2025.

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<sup>13</sup> In the Notification, Woodside Energy also requests that DOE make certain updates to the official service list for this proceeding, which DOE has done.