

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

COVE POINT LNG, LP

DOCKET NO. 24-156-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES BY VESSEL

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 5244

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

I. **DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST**

On December 12, 2024, Cove Point LNG, LP (Cove Point LNG) 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 March 1, 2025.² Cove Point LNG is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in Lusby, Maryland.

1. Import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources by vessel, up to a total volume equivalent to 36 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas, at any LNG import terminal in the United States and its territories

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 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.³ DOE must grant such applications without modification or delay.⁴ The authorization sought by Cove Point LNG meets the NGA section 3(c) criteria, and, therefore, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

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. Cove Point LNG's blanket authorization, granted in DOE/FECM Order No. 4940, extends through February 28, 2025.

3. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

4. *Id.*

ORDER

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

A. Cove Point LNG is authorized for the activity described below. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on March 1, 2025, and extending through February 28, 2027.

1. Import LNG from various international sources by vessel, up to a total volume equivalent to 36 Bcf of natural gas, at any LNG import terminal in the United States and its territories

B. LNG imports that require increased security measures from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and/or other branches of the Department of Homeland Security in place now or added in the future shall comply with those measures on a shipment by shipment basis to the satisfaction of the USCG. Such measures may include periodic boarding or examination of the vessel by the USCG at the load port, while the vessel is underway, at any time during the voyage, and before and during discharge of the cargo while at the discharge port, as well as other enhanced security measures.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports and/or exports authorized by this Order, Cove Point LNG 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)

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than April 30, 2025, and should cover the reporting period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025.

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