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Attention: Natural Gas Reports

**Re: Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC
DOE/FE Order No. 3147, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG
DOE/FE Order No. 3978, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG
Golden Pass LNG Export Project
Semi-Annual Report – April, 1 2025**

To: Office of Regulation and International Engagement

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FE Order No. 3147 issued September 27, 2012, and Ordering Paragraph O of DOE/FE Order No. 3978 issued April 25, 2017 Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (“GPLNG”) submits its semi-annual report describing the progress of the GPLNG Export Project at the Golden Pass LNG Terminal due April 1, 2025.

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Background of the Golden Pass Export Project

On July 7, 2014, Golden Pass Products LLC ("GPP") and Golden Pass Pipeline LLC ("GPPL") (collectively "Golden Pass") filed formal applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") under Section 3 and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000, respectively, to construct and operate LNG export facilities near Sabine Pass, Texas. On December 21, 2016, the FERC issued an order authorizing Golden Pass' applications in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000 ("December 21 Order"). The December 21 Order is subject to 83 environmental conditions as explained in Appendix A of the order. No parties filed for rehearing of this order. On July 29, 2022, FERC issued an Order amending Golden Pass LNG's, 2016 Authorization Order to allow increased construction workforce, bussing, and work week/hour limits from those originally authorized for construction of the Golden Pass LNG terminal.

FAA issued renewed Determinations of No Hazard to Air Navigation on May 10, 2022 for 12 exhaust stacks at the Golden Pass Export Project site. Golden Pass submitted Notices of Construction Installation to FAA for 6 of these stacks in 2023. The FAA Determinations for the remaining 6 stacks are being extended pending completion of their construction.

Effective June 18, 2019, GPP was merged with and into Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC ("GPLNG"). Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a), and Part 590 of the Regulations of the Department of Energy/Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE"), GPP and GPLNG submitted a Statement of Change in Control seeking authorization to restructure ownership of the corporate entity authorized to engage in the exportation from and importation to the United States of liquefied natural gas ("LNG"). As a result of the restructuring, certain authorizations held by GPP to export LNG from the United States were assigned or transferred by merger to GPLNG.

On May 21, 2020, GPLNG filed an application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and in accordance with Part 153 of the Commission's regulations to amend its authorization to increase the total LNG production capacity at its three trains to 18.1 mtpa. On January 19, 2021, the Commission granted the requested authorization.

Application to Increase Level of Authorized Export Quantities under FE12-103-LNG

On April 27, 2022, the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management ("DOE/FECM") issued Order No. 3978-E amending Golden Pass LNG's existing long-term authorization to export LNG to non-free trade countries by vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal by increasing GPLNG's approved export volume from the equivalent of 808 to 937 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas.



Date GPLNG Export Project is Expected to be Operational

The DOE/FE export authorizations are conditioned upon the commencement of commercial export operations no later than September 30, 2025. On August 28, 2024, GPLNG filed with the DOE/FE a "Request for Extension of Commencement Deadline." On August 28, 2024, GPLNG submitted a request to DOE/FECM seeking an extension of the commencement deadline, citing substantial schedule uncertainty resulting from workforce ramp-up challenges following the resolution of disputes with the project's bankrupt lead construction contractor. DOE/FECM subsequently granted the requested extension, revising the commencement deadline under both authorizations to March 31, 2027. Although GPLNG continues to target commissioning and startup activities for Train 1 by the end of 2025, the extension provides necessary regulatory flexibility to accommodate remaining construction and startup contingencies as GPLNG advances toward the commencement of commercial export operations ahead of the revised deadline.

Construction Progress of LNG Trains

Golden Pass has continued to carry out site wide construction activities including the following.

- Continued civil works (including storm water system/protection in Train 1 and Utilities Area), stockpiling of materials including imported fill, stone, and clay), soil stabilization, and levee construction.

- Progressed concrete pours in all areas including the last major pour in Train 1 (Amine Sump) and levee area concrete pours for ship berth trestles.

- Progressed erection of facility structural steel, enclosure shelters, and non-process buildings.

- Progressed piping installation, pipe blowing, and Pipe Pneumatic / Hydrostatic Testing Program in Trains 1 and 2, Utilities, Ground Flares, Condensate, and Brownfield Areas, and progressed tie-ins and tank topwork in the Brownfield.

- Progressed systems completion in Train 1 including continued issuance of Discipline Mechanical Completion Certificates (DMCCs), Sub System Mechanical Completions (SSMCCs), and Mechanical Completion (MC) walks in some systems.

- Completed underground fire water system testing campaign in the Brownfield.

- Completed commissioning for 230kV B-side transformer and energized B side 230kV transformer feed to Main Substation, energization of CERs and LERs, cable pulling throughout the facility, cable trays and electrical testing including in Utilities, Offsites and the Brownfield.

Golden Pass also progressed pre-commissioning activities and filings for FERC Notice to Proceed authorizations needed to begin commissioning of the Utilities and Train 1 systems. Golden Pass continued to monitor the progress of the wetland mitigation site in the JD Murphee Wildlife Management Area and submitted the 4th Annual Wetlands Monitoring Report under Golden Pass' Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan to the U.S Army Corps of Engineers and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



Status of Long-Term Gas Supply Contracts

Since the last Semi - Annual Report, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) has reported signing two new long-term natural gas sale and purchase agreement supply contracts, one with Sabine Oil & Gas Corporation ("Sabine") and another Diversified Energy Marketing LLC ("DEC")

Status of Long-Term LNG Export Contracts

Since the last Semi - Annual Report, the status of Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) long-term LNG export contracts has not changed.