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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 – April 2025**

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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,<sup>1</sup> Rio Grande LNG, LLC (“Rio Grande”) hereby submits this semi-annual progress report for the Rio Grande LNG Terminal Project (the “Project”). This report covers the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

- During the reporting period, Rio Grande continued to carry out construction activities site wide, including soil stabilization, site civil activities such as production piling, concrete foundation work, structural steel erection, underground firewater piping installation and testing, liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) spill trench installation, land-based construction of Jetties 1 and 2, and limited aboveground piping and equipment installation within Train 1. Work progressed with the construction of the LNG Storage Tanks 1 and 2 walls and steel roof, improvement of onsite temporary laydown and roads, work pads, temporary drainage, and arrangement of temporary facilities, utilities, and structures. Construction of the Project perimeter levee continued to progress in multiple areas of the site and security fence installation commenced.
- First export of LNG from the Project is currently anticipated to occur in September 2027.
- On October 21, 2024, Rio Grande filed a petition for panel rehearing disputing portions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit’s (“D.C. Circuit”) opinion and order in *City of Port Isabel, et al. v. FERC*, 111 F.4th 1198 (D.C. Cir. 2024), which vacated the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) April 21, 2023 Order on Remand and Amending Section 7

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<sup>1</sup> *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).



Certificate.<sup>2</sup> On March 18, 2025, the D.C. Circuit issued an opinion and order partially granting Rio Grande's petition for rehearing and remanded the proceeding back to FERC *without vacatur*.

- On November 13, 2024, Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing, LLC and ENGIE Energy Marketing NA, Inc. executed a long-term natural gas supply agreement for up to 91,200,000 million British thermal units of natural gas, for a term of up to approximately 15 years from the date of first commercial delivery. The agreement was filed with the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management on March 26, 2025.
- On March 28, 2025, FERC issued a draft supplemental environmental impact statement for the Project in response to the D.C. Circuit's remand in *City of Port Isabel, et al. v. FERC*, 111 F.4th 1198 (D.C. Cir. 2024).

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (212) 506-3710.

Respectfully submitted,

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