

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

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MPEH LLC)	DOCKET NO. 13-26-LNG
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO VACATE LONG-TERM
AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 3290-A

MARCH 31, 2025

On May 24, 2013, the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (FE) (now the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management)¹ issued DOE/FE Order No. 3290² to MPEH LLC (MPEH) (then Freeport-McMoRan Energy LLC) under section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).³ Under that order, MPEH is authorized to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to approximately 1,175 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas, or 3.2 Bcf per day, for a term of 30 years. MPEH is authorized to export the LNG from the proposed Main Pass Energy Hub™ Deepwater Port (MPEH™ Port), to be located in federal waters in Main Pass Block 299, 16 miles offshore of Louisiana, to countries 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).⁴

On March 10, 2025, MPEH submitted a request asking DOE to vacate Order No. 3290 (Request).⁵ In support of this Request, MPEH states that Green LNG Services AS (GLS), the owner of MPEH, has terminated the development of the MPEH™ Port.⁶ MPEH adds that “GLS intends to pursue a different project at the same location” and “will seek a new export

¹ On July 4, 2021, the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM).

² *MPEH LLC (formerly Freeport-McMoRan Energy LLC)*, DOE/FE Order No. 3290, Docket No. 13-26-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel From the Proposed Main Pass Energy Hub™ Deepwater Port 16 miles Offshore of Louisiana to Free Trade Agreement Nations (May 24, 2013) (authorizing exports of LNG to FTA countries in a volume equivalent to 1,175 Bcf/yr of natural gas, not the 1,176 Bcf/yr requested in the Application).

³ 15 U.S.C. § 717b. The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

⁴ 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.

⁵ See MPEH LLC, Request to Vacate Authorization, Docket No. 13-26-LNG (Mar. 10, 2025).

⁶ See *id.*

authorization at the appropriate time.”⁷

DOE finds good cause to grant MPEH’s Request. Accordingly, pursuant to NGA section 3(c), MPEH’s authorization granted in Order No. 3290 is hereby vacated, effective immediately.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 31, 2025.

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⁷ *Id.*