

U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management



EAGLE LNG PARTNERS JACKSONVILLE II LLC
DOCKET NO. 22-168-LNG

PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION: Eagle LNG Partners Jacksonville II LLC (Eagle Maxville) filed an application (Amendment Application) with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) on April 30, 2025, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ and 10 CFR Part 590 of the Department of Energy's (DOE) regulations.

In the Amendment Application, Eagle Maxville seeks to amend its existing long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) under DOE/FECM Order No. 4975, as amended.² Under Order No. 4975, as amended, in relevant part, Eagle Maxville is authorized to export LNG in approved International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers transported by vessel in a volume equivalent to 51.75 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas, to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries).³ DOE determined that these exports qualify as "small-scale natural gas exports" under DOE's regulations.⁴

In the Amendment Application, Eagle Maxville asks DOE to further amend Order No. 4975 so that it also applies to ship-to-ship transfers of U.S.-sourced LNG for use as a marine fuel when the receiving ship is located in the territorial sea of foreign countries (including in foreign ports), as determined by that country and recognized by the United States.

DOE's proposed action is to grant the requested amendment to Order No. 4975. If granted, Eagle Maxville will be authorized to export LNG through ship-to-ship transfers of U.S.-sourced LNG for use as a marine fuel when the receiving ship is located in the territorial sea of foreign countries (including in foreign ports), as determined by that country and recognized by the United States, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in Order No. 4975, as amended, including the DOE order granting the Amendment Application.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION APPLIED: B5.7 - Export of natural gas and associated transportation by marine vessel

For DOE procedures regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see 10 CFR 1021.102 and Appendix B in 10 CFR Part 1021, as well as Section 5.4 and Appendix B of DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).⁵

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717b.


² *Eagle LNG Partners Jacksonville II LLC*, DOE/FECM Order Nos. 4975 and 4078-B, Docket Nos. 22-168-LNG and 17-79-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement Nations, for Small-Scale Exports of Liquefied Natural Gas, and Vacating Prior Authorization (Mar. 12, 2023). Because DOE vacated Order No. 4078, as amended, at Eagle Maxville's request, this categorical exclusion determination refers only to Order No. 4975. Order No. 4975 was previously amended by Order No. 4975-A.


³ 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a). Under Order No. 4975, as amended, Eagle Maxville is also authorized to export LNG in the same volume to FTA countries under NGA section 3(c), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c), on a non-additive basis. Eagle Maxville's requested amendment to the FTA portion of Order No. 4975 is not subject to this categorical exclusion determination.


⁴ 10 C.F.R. §§ 590.102(p), 590.208(a).

⁵ DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures can be viewed at <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/articles/doe-nepa-implementing-procedures-june-2025>.

Regulatory requirements and guidance in 10 CFR 1021.102 and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures, respectively:
(See full text in regulation and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures)

[] The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to 10 CFR Part 1021 and Appendix B of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures.

[] There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

[] The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion.

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer, I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other requirements and guidance set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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Date Determined: **7/15/25**

Brian Lavoie, NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management