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## **General Comment**

I strongly oppose the request for extension under FE Docket No. 18-70-LNG.

The projected increase in LNG shipping activity through Puerto Libertad threatens the Gulf of California, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with risks including ship strikes, underwater noise, and potential spills affecting marine life such as whales, sea turtles, and the critically endangered vaquita marina. This region is not an ordinary coastline—it is a marine sanctuary that has been the focus of sustained national and international conservation efforts. Approving large-scale industrial activity in such a sensitive and protected area disregards decades of ecological work and places irreplaceable species and habitats at risk.

The surrounding communities also face serious risks to their health, fisheries, and coastal livelihoods due to pollution, industrialization, and degradation of ecosystems that local communities rely on for fishing and livelihood.

Public opposition to the project is growing across Mexico. Communities along the pipeline route and in Puerto Libertad are raising concerns about its impacts on local economies, safety, and quality of life. Environmental groups and citizens are organizing to defend the region's heritage.

Mexico Pacific Limited has drawn growing criticism for using national symbols like "Mexico" and "Saguaro" while offering unclear benefits to the local population. Much of the construction and operation of the gas pipeline and liquefaction plant will rely on foreign companies and specialized external labor. As a result, the promised economic development for Mexican communities appears limited compared to the scale of the environmental, social, and safety risks that Mexico will be forced to bear—particularly regarding the protection of marine life, tourism, and coastal economies.

Recent developments show the project is facing major challenges. A request for extension to 2030 signals financial instability, and an analysis by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) cites regulatory risks, safety concerns, and public resistance. These issues are being actively monitored and shared through social networks.

I urge the DOE to deny this request and require a full transboundary environmental review.