

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



VENTURE GLOBAL CALCASIEU PASS, LLC
DOCKET NO. 15-25-LNG

PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION: Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC (Calcasieu Pass) filed an application for a limited amendment to its existing LNG export authorizations (Amendment Application) with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) on December 3, 2021.¹ The Amendment Application was submitted pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)² and 10 CFR Part 590 of DOE's regulations. Calcasieu Pass submitted a correction to the Amendment Application on December 10, 2021.

Under DOE/FE Order No. 4346, as amended,³ Calcasieu Pass is currently authorized to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 620 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas (approximately 1.7 Bcf per day (Bcf/d) by vessel from the Calcasieu Pass LNG Project (the Project), located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Calcasieu Pass is authorized to export this LNG 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).⁴ In the Amendment Application, in relevant part, Calcasieu Pass seeks to increase the authorized LNG export volume in Order No. 4346 by 20.666 Bcf/yr of natural gas (approximately 0.057 Bcf/d).

Calcasieu Pass states that this additional requested export volume is due to refinements in the final design of the Project. As requested in the Amendment Application, Calcasieu Pass would be authorized to export a total volume of LNG equivalent to 640.666 Bcf/yr of natural gas from the Project to non-FTA countries. Calcasieu Pass states that all other rights and obligations, and terms and conditions, of Order No. 4346, as amended in Order No. 4346-A, would remain the same without change.

DOE's proposed action is to authorize the increased export volume described in the Amendment Application if DOE determines that such exports are not inconsistent with the public interest. If granted, the amendment authorization would permit the requested exports of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Project, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the DOE order.

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 Appendices B and C of DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).⁵

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

² 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

³ *Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 4346, Docket Nos. 13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, and 15-25-LNG (Consolidated), Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (Mar. 5, 2019), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 4346-A (Oct. 21, 2020) (extending export term).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a). Calcasieu Pass is already authorized to export LNG in a total volume equivalent to 640.666 Bcf/yr of natural gas to countries with which the United States has an FTA, under NGA section 3(c), *id.* § 717b(c), in Order Nos. 3345, 3520, and 3662, all as amended. The volume addressed in this categorical exclusion document is additive to Calcasieu Pass's existing non-FTA volume in Order No. 4346, but it is not additive to Calcasieu Pass's authorized FTA volume.

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 or Appendix B or C 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.

Signature: **BRIAN LAVOIE**
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Date Determined: **7/31/25**

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