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Re: Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC

DOE/FE Order No. 3147, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG DOE/FE Order No. 3978, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG

Golden Pass LNG Export Project Semi-Annual Report – October 1, 2025

To: Office of Regulation and International Engagement

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FE Order No. 3147 issued September 27, 2012, and Ordering Paragraph O of DOE/FE Order No. 3978 issued April 25, 2017 Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC ("GPLNG") submits its semi-annual report describing the progress of the GPLNG Export Project at the Golden Pass LNG Terminal due October 1, 2025.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### **Background of the Golden Pass Export Project**

On July 7, 2014, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC ("GPLNG")<sup>1</sup> filed formal application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act in Docket No. CP14-517-000, to construct and operate LNG export facilities near Sabine Pass, Texas. On December 21, 2016, the FERC issued an order authorizing GPLNG's application ("December 21 Order"). The December 21 Order is subject to compliance with 83 environmental conditions found in Appendix A of the order.<sup>2</sup>

FAA issued renewed Determinations of No Hazard to Air Navigation on May 10, 2022, for 12 exhaust stacks at the Golden Pass Export Project site. GPLNG submitted Notices of Construction/Installation to FAA for 6 of these stacks in 2023. A Notice of Construction Installation was submitted for the seventh stack on September 12, 2025.

Effective June 18, 2019, GPP was merged into Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC. Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA"), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a), and Part 590 of the Regulations of the Department of Energy/Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE"), GPP and GPLNG submitted a Statement of Change in Control seeking authorization to restructure ownership of the corporate entity authorized to engage in the exportation from and importation to the United States of liquefied natural gas ("LNG"). As a result of the restructuring, certain authorizations held by GPP to export LNG from the United States were assigned to or transferred by merger to GPLNG.

On May 21, 2020, GPLNG filed an application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and in accordance with Part 153 of the Commission's regulations to amend its authorization to increase the total LNG production capacity at its three trains to 18.1 mtpa. On January 19, 2021, the Commission granted the requested authorization.

On April 27, 2022, the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management ("DOE/FECM") issued Order No. 3978-E amending Golden Pass LNG's existing long-term authorization to export LNG to non-free trade countries by vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal by increasing GPLNG's approved export volume from the equivalent of 808 to 937 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Formerly, Golden Pass Products LLC ("GPP").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On July 29, 2022, FERC issued an Order amending Golden Pass LNG's, December 2016 Order to allow increased construction workforce, bussing, and work week/hour limits from those originally authorized for construction of the Golden Pass LNG terminal.



On March 5, 2025, DOE/FECM issued Order Nos. 3978-G and 3147-F. Order 3978-G grants GPLNG a second extension of the non-FTA commence-by deadline to March 31, 2027, and provides that the non-FTA authorization runs from the date of first export through December 31, 2050. Order 3147-F amends the FTA authorization to begin on the date of first export and extend through December 31, 2050.

# Application seeking two-year, 50 Bcf re-export authorization under FE Docket. 25-81-LNG

On June 26, 2025, GPLNG filed an application with DOE/FECM (Docket. 25-81-LNG) requesting blanket authorization to re-export up to 50 Bcf of previously imported LNG over a two-year period beginning October 1, 2025. The application was approved by order issued September 22, 2025.

## **Date GPLNG Export Project is Expected to be Operational**

GPLNG has commenced commissioning of equipment on Train 1 and anticipates first LNG production by the end of 2025 or early 2026

## **Construction Progress of LNG Trains**

During the reporting period, GPLNG advanced site-wide construction activities, including:

Civil works (sitewide), asphalt paving, and continued the operation of the on-site concrete batch plant for foundation pours across project areas.

Continued painting, insulation, and fireproofing program.

Completion of ship-berth dredging and levee construction.

Progressed erection of facility structural steel, enclosure shelters, and non-process buildings.

Progressed piping installation in brownfield areas, pipe blowing, pipe tightness testing and equipment oil flushing activities, and completed pipe pneumatic / hydrostatic testing program in Trains 1 and 2; progressed testing of utilities, ground flares, condensate, and progressed tie-ins and tank work in the brownfield areas.

Progressed systems completion in Train 1 including continued issuance of Discipline Mechanical Completion Certificates (DMCCs), Sub System Mechanical Completions (SSMCCs), and Mechanical Completion (MC) walks in some systems.

Completion of fire water flushing, in-service tests, and flow tests for fuel gas-in-related scope.

Secured FERC authorizations to commission associated key systems and for the introduction of hazardous fluids (nitrogen system, refrigeration/HP fuel gas, low-pressure flare, LNG systems,



refrigerant/condensate storage, ground flares, fuel-gas system, and EDG day tanks). Consistent with approvals, GPLNG advanced commissioning of the authorized systems during the reporting period.

GPLNG also continues to monitor the progress of the wetland mitigation site in the JD Murphee Wildlife Management Area. GPLNG will be preparing its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wetlands Monitoring Report under GPLNG's Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan to the U.S Army Corps of Engineers and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

## **Status of Long-Term Gas Supply Contracts**

Since the last Semi - Annual Report, Golden Pass LNG Terminal has signed two new long-term natural gas sale and purchase agreement supply contracts, one with Apex Natural Gas, LLC ("Apex") and another Comstock Oil & Gas, LLC ("Comstock"). Both have been reported to DOE.

### **Status of Long-Term LNG Export Contracts**

The status of GPLNG's long-term LNG export contracts has not changed since the last Semi-Annual Report.