

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
HYDROCARBONS AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY OFFICE

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CNG HOLDING 1 LLC) DOCKET NO. 22-13-CNG
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO VACATE LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS
TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/HGEO ORDER NO. 5033-A

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

On September 7, 2023, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) (now the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office)¹ issued DOE/FECM Order No. 5033² to CNG HOLDING 1 LLC (CNG Holding) under section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).³ Under that order, CNG Holding is authorized to export domestically produced compressed natural gas (CNG) in a volume equivalent to 51.75 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas for a term of 25 years. CNG Holding is authorized to export the CNG in approved International Organization for Standardization (ISO) containers on vessels, from the proposed CNG compression and container loading facility to be located within the Port of Plaquemines, 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.⁴

On December 31, 2025, CNG Holding submitted a request asking DOE to vacate Order No. 5033 (Request).⁵ In support of this Request, CNG Holding states that, “[d]ue to changing market conditions, [it] will not be moving forward with the proposed compression and container loading facility.”⁶

DOE finds good cause to grant CNG Holding's Request. Accordingly, pursuant to NGA

¹ On November 20, 2025, FECM changed its name to the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office (HGEO). DOE uses the acronym in effect at the time of each order or action discussed herein.

² *CNG HOLDING 1 LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5033, Docket No. 22-13-CNG, Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Compressed Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Sept. 7, 2023).

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 (now the Assistant Secretary for HGEO) 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 CNG HOLDING 1 LLC, Request to Vacate Authorization, Docket No. 22-13-CNG (Dec. 31, 2025).

⁶ See *id.*

section 3(c), CNG Holding's authorization granted in Order No. 5033 is hereby vacated, effective immediately.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on February 10, 2026.

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