

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

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CAMERON LNG, LLC

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DOCKET NO. 15-36-LNG

ORDER AMENDING AND PARTIALLY VACATING  
LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION  
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS  
TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT COUNTRIES

DOE/HGEO ORDER NO. 3680-C

APRIL 30, 2026

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On July 10, 2015, the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy (now the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office)<sup>1</sup> issued DOE/FE Order No. 3680 (Order)<sup>2</sup> to Cameron LNG, LLC (Cameron LNG) under section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).<sup>3</sup> Under Order No. 3680, Cameron LNG is authorized to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 515 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas from the proposed Trains 4 and 5 (Expansion Project) at the Cameron LNG Terminal,<sup>4</sup> located in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana, to any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries).<sup>5</sup> Under amendments to the Order, Cameron LNG is authorized to export this LNG for a term that commences on the earlier of the date of first commercial export or May 5, 2026, and extends through December 31, 2050.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) on July 4, 2021. Subsequently, 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.

<sup>2</sup> *Cameron LNG, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3680, Docket No. 15-36-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Cameron LNG Terminal in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana, to Free Trade Agreement Nations (July 10, 2015), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 3680-A (Nov. 2, 2020) (amending start date of export term), *further amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 3680-B (Dec. 30, 2020) (extending export term).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c). The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. § 717b) 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.

<sup>4</sup> *See* Cameron LNG, LLC, Application for Commencement Extension, Term Extension, and Partial Vacatur, Docket Nos. 15-36-LNG & 15-90-LNG, at 2 (Oct. 23, 2025) [hereinafter Amendment App.]. The Expansion Project provides “additional natural gas processing, storage, and liquefaction capability at the site of the existing Cameron LNG Terminal, which includes Trains 1-3 and which is currently under commercial operation.” *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Cameron LNG, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3680, at 11 (Ordering Paras. A-B). 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.

<sup>6</sup> *See* *Cameron LNG, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3680-B, at 13 (Ordering Para. E).

On October 23, 2025, Cameron LNG filed a consolidated “Application for Commencement Extension, Term Extension, and Partial Vacatur” (Amendment Application)<sup>7</sup> under NGA section 3.<sup>8</sup> In the portion of the Amendment Application that applies to Order No. 3680, as amended,<sup>9</sup> Cameron LNG asks DOE to amend the Order as follows:

- (1) To eliminate the “specific start date” for the authorization term under Order No. 3680 (*i.e.*, May 5, 2026) and set the term to begin on the date of first commercial export,<sup>10</sup>
- (2) To vacate 165 Bcf/yr of the 515 Bcf/yr authorized export volume, so that Cameron LNG is authorized to export LNG in a volume equivalent to 350 Bcf/yr of natural gas from the Expansion Project to FTA countries;<sup>11</sup> and
- (3) To amend the export term to extend through “the later of twenty years after the date of first commercial export or December 31, 2050, with an additional three-year make-up period.”<sup>12</sup>

In support of the Amendment Application, Cameron LNG states that, in 2022, it sought approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to amend its existing authorization to site, construct, and operate the Expansion Project, which FERC had issued in 2016.<sup>13</sup> Specifically, Cameron LNG proposed to make “several final design enhancements to increase the efficiency, reliability, and capacity of Train 4” and to “eliminate Train 5 and the

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<sup>7</sup> See Amendment App., *supra* note 4.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

<sup>9</sup> In DOE/FE Order No. 3846, as amended (Docket No. 15-90-LNG), Cameron LNG holds a long-term authorization to export LNG in the same volume (515 Bcf/yr), on a non-additive basis, from the Expansion Project to any other country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries) under NGA section 3(a), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a). See *Cameron LNG, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3846, Docket No. 15-90-LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from Trains 4 and 5 of the Cameron LNG Terminal in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (July 15, 2016), *amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 3846-A (Nov. 2, 2020) (extending export commencement deadline), *further amended by* DOE/FE Order No. 3846-B (Dec. 30, 2020) (extending export term). Concurrently with this Order, DOE is issuing Order No. 3846-C, which addresses the portion of the Amendment Application that applies to Cameron LNG’s non-FTA authorization.

<sup>10</sup> Amendment App. at 1.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 2, 14.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 4 & n.12 (citing Cameron LNG, LLC, Abbreviated Application of Cameron LNG, LLC to Amend Authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, FERC Docket No. CP22-41-000 (Jan. 18, 2022)). For additional background on Cameron LNG’s FERC and DOE proceedings, see Amendment App. at 2-6.

fifth LNG storage tank.”<sup>14</sup> Cameron LNG states that, “[w]ith the removal of Train 5, the overall maximum production capacity of the Expansion Project would decrease from 9.97 million metric tons per annum (mtpa) (equivalent to 515 Bcf/yr of natural gas) to 6.75 mtpa of LNG (equivalent to 350 Bcf/yr of natural gas), sourced exclusively from Train 4.”<sup>15</sup> Cameron LNG states that, on March 16, 2023, FERC issued an order granting Cameron LNG’s request to modify the Expansion Project (FERC Amendment Order).<sup>16</sup>

In this Order, DOE grants Cameron LNG’s requested amendments to its FTA authorization, pursuant to NGA section 3(c). Specifically, DOE is amending Cameron LNG’s FTA export term to begin on the date of first commercial export of LNG. DOE is also granting the partial vacatur of Cameron LNG’s authorized FTA export volume associated with the proposed Train 5 at the Expansion Project (165 Bcf/yr of natural gas), consistent with the FERC Amendment Order.

Finally, DOE is granting Cameron LNG’s request to amend the export term to extend through the later of 20 years after the date of first commercial export or December 31, 2050, with an additional three-year Make-Up Period following the end of this term. During this Make-Up Period, Cameron LNG will be permitted to continue exporting the approved volume of LNG from the Expansion Project, as modified herein, solely to export any approved volume of LNG that it is unable to export during the original export period (the Make-Up Volume).<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 4-5.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 5 & n.16 (citing *Cameron LNG, LLC*, Order Amending Authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, FERC Docket No. CP22-41-000, 182 FERC ¶ 61,173 (2023)). Cameron LNG also discusses other aspects of the FERC Amendment Order and subsequent procedural history that are relevant to its non-FTA authorization but that are not relevant to the FTA amendments at issue in this Order. *See id.* at 5-6.

<sup>17</sup> *See, e.g., Port Arthur LNG Phase II, LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5292-A, Docket No. 20-23-LNG, Order Amending Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, at 3-5 (June 30, 2025).

## II. FINDINGS

Section 3(c) of the NGA was amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486) to require that applications requesting authority for (a) the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and/or (b) the import of LNG from other international sources, be deemed consistent with the public interest and granted without modification or delay. The FTA portion of Cameron LNG's Application falls within section 3(c), as amended, and therefore, DOE grants the requested amendments to Cameron LNG's FTA authorization without modification or delay.<sup>18</sup>

### ORDER

Pursuant to sections 3 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act,<sup>19</sup> DOE hereby orders as follows:

A. Ordering Paragraph A of Order No. 3680, as amended most recently in Order No. 3680-B, is amended to state as follows:

Cameron LNG, LLC is authorized to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Expansion Project (Train 4) of the Cameron LNG Terminal, located in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana. The volume authorized in this Order is equivalent to approximately 350 Bcf/yr of natural gas<sup>20</sup> for a term beginning on the date of first commercial export and extending through the later of 20 years after such date or December 31, 2050. Cameron LNG

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<sup>18</sup> DOE further finds that the requirements for public notice of applications and other hearing-type procedures in 10 C.F.R. Part 590 apply only to applications seeking to export natural gas, including LNG, to countries with which the United States has no FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas.

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. §§ 717b, 717o.

<sup>20</sup> This amended FTA volume reflects Cameron LNG's requested vacatur of 165 Bcf/yr of natural gas from its original authorized volume (515 Bcf/yr of natural gas).

may continue exporting any Make-Up Volume for a three-year Make-Up Period following this export term.<sup>21</sup> Cameron LNG is authorized to export this LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities that hold title to the natural gas, pursuant to one or more contracts of any duration.<sup>22</sup>

This amended Ordering Paragraph A supersedes Ordering Paragraph A in Order No. 3680, as previously amended, in its entirety.

B. Any other references to “Trains 4 and 5” and “515 Bcf/yr of natural gas” in the Findings and/or Ordering Paragraphs of Order No. 3680, or its amendments, are further amended to “Train 4” and “350 Bcf/yr of natural gas,” respectively.

C. All other obligations, rights, and responsibilities established by DOE/FE Order No. 3680, as amended, remain in effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 30, 2026.

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<sup>21</sup> This three-year Make-Up Period does not affect or modify Cameron LNG’s approved FTA volume, as modified herein (350 Bcf/yr of natural gas). Insofar as Cameron LNG may seek to export additional volumes not previously authorized, it will be required to obtain appropriate authorization from DOE.

<sup>22</sup> See U.S. Dep’t of Energy, Including Short-Term Export Authority in Long-Term Authorizations for the Export of Natural Gas on a Non-Additive Basis, 86 Fed. Reg. 2243 (Jan. 12, 2021).

**APPENDIX**

**Table 1: Orders Issued by DOE for the Long-Term Export of Domestically Produced LNG from the Cameron LNG Terminal to FTA Countries**

<b>Docket No.</b>	<b>Order No.</b>	<b>Date Originally Issued</b>	<b>Most Recent Amendment as of This Order</b>	<b>Trains</b>	<b>Volume (Bcf/yr)</b>
11-145-LNG	3059	Jan. 17, 2012	3059-B	1-3	620
14-204-LNG	3620	April 9, 2015	3620-A	1-3	152
15-36-LNG	3680	July 10, 2015	3680-C	4	350
<b>Total FTA Volume</b>					<b>1,122</b>

**Table 2: Orders Issued by DOE for the Long-Term Export of Domestically Produced LNG from the Cameron LNG Terminal to Non-FTA Countries**

<b>Docket No.</b>	<b>Order No.</b>	<b>Date Originally Issued</b>	<b>Most Recent Amendment as of This Order</b>	<b>Trains</b>	<b>Volume (Bcf/yr)</b>
11-162-LNG	3391	Sept. 10, 2014	3391-C	1-3	620
15-67-LNG	3797	Mar. 18, 2016	3797-A	1-3	152
15-90-LNG	3846	July 15, 2016	3846-C	4	350
<b>Total Non-FTA Volume</b>					<b>1,122</b>