

U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination
Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office



CAMERON LNG, LLC
DOCKET NO. 15-90-LNG

PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION: Cameron LNG, LLC (Cameron LNG) filed an “Application for Commencement Extension, Term Extension, and Partial Vacatur” (Amendment Application) with the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (now the Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office)¹ on October 23, 2025, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)² and 10 CFR Part 590 of DOE’s regulations.

In the Amendment Application, in relevant part, Cameron LNG requests several amendments to its existing long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG), set forth in DOE/FE Order No. 3846, as amended (Order).³ Under the Order, as amended, Cameron LNG is authorized to export LNG by vessel in a volume equivalent to 515 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas, from the proposed Trains 4 and 5 of the Cameron LNG Terminal (Expansion Project), located in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana, for a term extending through December 31, 2050. Cameron LNG 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), pursuant to NGA section 3(a).⁴

Specifically, in the Amendment Application, Cameron LNG asks DOE to extend its existing deadline to commence non-FTA exports from May 5, 2026, to March 16, 2033.

Cameron LNG also asks DOE to vacate 165 Bcf/yr of the 515 Bcf/yr authorized 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 non-FTA countries. This partial vacatur is consistent with an order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on March 16, 2023, granting Cameron LNG’s request to vacate its prior FERC authorization to site, construct, and operate Train 5 and a fifth LNG storage tank, thus decreasing the Expansion Project’s overall maximum production capacity.

Finally, Cameron LNG asks DOE to amend its 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.

¹ 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.

² 15 U.S.C. § 717b.

³ *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).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a). In DOE/FE Order No. 3680, as amended (Docket No. 15-36-LNG), DOE authorized Cameron LNG to export a volume of LNG equivalent to 515 Bcf/yr of natural gas from the Expansion Project to FTA countries, on a non-additive basis. In the Amendment Application, Cameron LNG also requests several amendments to Order No. 3680, which are not subject to this categorical exclusion determination.

DOE's proposed action is to extend the export commencement deadline, grant the partial vacatur, and add the Make-Up Period to Order No. 3846, as amended, if DOE determines that there is good cause to do so. If granted, the amendments would: (i) extend Cameron LNG's export commencement deadline to March 16, 2033; (ii) vacate Cameron LNG's authorized non-FTA export volume associated with the proposed Train 5 at the Expansion Project (165 Bcf/yr of natural gas); and (iii) add a three-year Make-Up Period to the end of Cameron LNG's existing non-FTA export term (December 31, 2050).⁵

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).⁶

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.

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Date Determined: 4/30/26

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⁵ Consistent with DOE practice, DOE is maintaining Cameron LNG's existing non-FTA export term through December 31, 2050. During the Make-Up Period, Cameron LNG will be permitted to continue exporting the approved volume of LNG, as modified by DOE (350 Bcf/yr of natural gas), solely to export any approved volume of LNG that it is unable to export during the original export period (the Make-Up Volume). Further, Cameron LNG will not be permitted to exceed its approved non-FTA export volume over the three-year Make-Up Period, absent appropriate authorization by DOE.

⁶ DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures can be viewed at <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/articles/doe-nepa-implementing-procedures-june-2025>.