

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

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VENTURE GLOBAL CP2 LNG, LLC  
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DOCKET NO. 21-131-LNG

ORDER AMENDING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION  
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS  
TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/HGEO ORDER NO. 4812-A

JUNE 17, 2026

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On February 20, 2026, Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC (CP2 LNG) filed an application (Amendment Application)<sup>1</sup> with the Department of Energy's (DOE) Hydrocarbons and Geothermal Energy Office (HGEO)<sup>2</sup> under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).<sup>3</sup> As explained below, CP2 LNG asks DOE to amend its existing long-term export authorizations.

CP2 LNG is currently authorized to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the CP2 LNG Terminal, currently under construction on the east side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel and the nearby Monkey Island in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (Export Terminal or Project),<sup>4</sup> under the following orders:

- (i) DOE/FECM Order No. 4812,<sup>5</sup> authorizing exports to any country 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 (FTA countries) for a term extending through December 31, 2050, pursuant to NGA section 3(c);<sup>6</sup> and
- (ii) DOE/FECM Order No. 5264, as amended,<sup>7</sup> authorizing exports to any other country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries) for a term extending through December 31, 2050, pursuant to NGA section 3(a).<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC, Application for Limited Amendment of Authorizations to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade and Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, Docket No. 21-131-LNG (Feb. 20, 2026) [hereinafter Amendment App.].

<sup>2</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>3</sup> 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 (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> Amendment App. at 1.

<sup>5</sup> *Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 4812, Docket No. 21-131-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Apr. 22, 2022). *See* Amendment App. at 2.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> *Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC*, DOE/FECM Order No. 5264-A, Docket No. 21-131-LNG, Final Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (Oct. 21, 2025), *reh'g denied*, DOE/HGEO Order No. 5264-B (Mar. 26, 2026).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

These orders authorize exports to FTA and non-FTA countries on a non-additive basis in a total volume equivalent to 1,446 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas, which CP2 LNG states is approximately equivalent to 28 million metric tons per annum (mtpa) of LNG.<sup>9</sup>

In the Amendment Application, as relevant here,<sup>10</sup> CP2 LNG asks DOE to amend Order No. 4812 to increase the authorized export volume by 427 Bcf/yr of natural gas, for a total export volume of 1,873 Bcf/yr to FTA countries.<sup>11</sup> In support of this request, CP2 LNG states that, on December 29, 2025, it filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) an application for a limited amendment to its authorization for the siting, construction, and operation of the Export Terminal.<sup>12</sup> CP2 states that the authorization amendment it seeks from FERC would not require “the addition of any new facilities,” explaining that “[t]he proposed additional increase in the peak liquefaction capacity reflects further refinements in the conditions and assumptions concerning the maximum potential output of the authorized facilities detailed in the FERC amendment and supporting technical materials.”<sup>13</sup> The requested amendment to Order No. 4812 thus “reflect[s] the actual peak liquefaction capacity of the Project facilities under optimal conditions” and aligns with the amendment requested from FERC.<sup>14</sup> CP2 LNG states that “[a]ll other obligations, rights, and responsibilities of the existing export authorizations, including all applicable reporting requirements and other conditions, would remain the same without change.”<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Amendment App. at 2.

<sup>10</sup> DOE will review the portion of the Amendment Application requesting an amendment to their existing authorization to export LNG to non-FTA countries separately pursuant to NGA section 3(a), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

<sup>11</sup> Amendment App. at 3.

<sup>12</sup> *See id.* (Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC, Abbreviated Application for Limited Amendment of Authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, FERC Docket No. CP26-55 (Dec. 29, 2025)). The application remains pending before FERC.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

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

In this Order, DOE grants the portion of the Amendment Application that seeks to increase CP2 LNG’s export volume approved in DOE/FECM Order No. 4812, pursuant to NGA section 3(c).<sup>16</sup> The non-FTA portion of the Amendment Application—seeking to increase the export volume in CP2 LNG’s non-FTA order (DOE/FECM Order No. 5264, as amended)—will be reviewed pursuant to NGA section 3(a),<sup>17</sup> and addressed in a separate order.

## **II. AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH MAKE-UP PERIOD**

To align CP2 LNG’s long-term FTA authorization with DOE’s current practice, DOE has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to allow three additional years for CP2 LNG to export the approved FTA volumes of LNG under this Order (1,873 Bcf/yr of natural gas), beyond the export term ending on December 31, 2050, solely to export any approved volume of LNG that it is unable to export during the original export period (the Make-Up Volume).<sup>18</sup> The three-year term during which the Make-Up Volume may be exported, known as the Make-Up Period, will extend through December 31, 2053, as reflected in the amendment below.<sup>19</sup>

## **III. 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.

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<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* § 717b(a).

<sup>18</sup> For a discussion of the background of the Make-Up Period and DOE’s decision to reinstate the Make-Up Period through December 31, 2053, for long-term authorizations, see *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 (June 30, 2025).

<sup>19</sup> CP2 LNG is not permitted to increase its annual export volume under this Order over the three-year Make-Up Period absent appropriate authorization by DOE. See *infra* § IV (Ordering Para. A).

The FTA portion of CP2 LNG's Application falls within section 3(c) of the NGA, as amended. Therefore, DOE is charged with granting the requested amendment without modification or delay.<sup>20</sup> This grant of the requested amendment should not be read to indicate DOE's views on the non-FTA portion of CP2 LNG's pending Amendment Application or the requested amendment thereto.<sup>21</sup>

Additionally, as discussed above, DOE finds that it is necessary and appropriate to amend CP2 LNG's FTA authorization to provide three additional years for CP2 LNG to export the approved FTA volumes under this Order (1,873 Bcf/yr of natural gas), beyond the export term ending on December 31, 2050 (Make-Up Period).

#### **IV. ORDER**

Pursuant to sections 3 and 16 of the Natural Gas Act, DOE hereby orders as follows:

A. Ordering Paragraph A of Order No. 4812 is amended to state as follows:

Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC (CP2 LNG) is authorized to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the CP2 LNG Project, to be located on the east side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, and on Monkey Island, in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. The volume authorized in this Order is equivalent to 1,873 Bcf/yr of natural gas for a term to commence on the date of first export and to extend through December 31, 2050. CP2 LNG may continue exporting any Make-Up Volume for a three-year Make-Up Period following the export term, *i.e.*, through December 31, 2053.<sup>22</sup> CP2 LNG is authorized to export this LNG on its

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<sup>20</sup> DOE further finds that the requirement for public notice of applications and other hearing-type procedures in 10 C.F.R. Part 590 applies only to applications seeking to export natural gas, including LNG, to non-FTA countries.

<sup>21</sup> See *supra* note 10.

<sup>22</sup> This three-year Make-Up Period does not affect or modify the export volume authorized in this Order. Insofar as CP2 LNG may seek to export additional volumes not previously authorized, it will be required to obtain appropriate authorization from DOE.

own behalf and as agent for other entities that hold title to the LNG, pursuant to one or more contracts of any duration.<sup>23</sup>

This amended Ordering Paragraph A supersedes Ordering Paragraph A in Order No. 4812, as previously amended, in its entirety.

B. All other obligations, rights, and responsibilities established by DOE/FECM Order No. 4812 remain in effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 17, 2026.

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<sup>23</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; Policy Statement, 86 Fed. Reg. 2243 (Jan. 12, 2021).