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**Re: Rio Grande LNG, LLC,
Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and
Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC,
FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG
DOE/FECM Order Nos. 3869, 3869-A, 3869-B, 4492, 4492-A and 4492-B
Semi-Annual Report – April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph J of Order No. 3869, as amended, and Ordering Paragraph M of Order No. 4492, as amended,¹ Rio Grande LNG, LLC, Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC (collectively, the “Rio Grande Entities”) hereby submit this semi-annual report for the Rio Grande LNG Project (the “Project”). This report covers the period from April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.

- During the reporting period, the Rio Grande Entities continued to carry out construction activities site wide, including site civil activities such as production piling, concrete foundation work, structural steel erection, liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) spill trench and impoundment basin installation, aboveground piping and equipment installation within Trains 1, 2, 3, 4 and outside battery limits, and inner wall and external structural steel construction for LNG Storage Tanks 1 and 2. Additionally, the Rio Grande Entities have begun pile driving for LNG Storage Tanks 3 and 4. The Rio Grande Entities have completed Train 4 soil stabilization via Deep Mixing Method (“DMM”) and commenced Train 5 soil stabilization via DMM. Construction of the Project perimeter levee and security fence installation continued. Work progressed with continuous

¹ *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Rio Grande LNG Terminal in Brownsville, Texas, to Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FE Order No. 3869, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG, at Ordering Para. (J) (Aug. 17, 2016) (“Order No. 3869”); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/FE Order No. 4492, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG, at Ordering Para. (M) (Feb. 10, 2020) (“Order No. 4492”); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC*, Order Extending Export Term for Authorization to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations Through December 31, 2050, DOE/FE Order No. 4492-A, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG (Oct. 21, 2020); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC*, Order Granting Request to Amend Authorizations to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Add Authorization Holders, DOE/FECM Order Nos. 3869-A & 4492-B, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG (Aug. 20, 2025); *Rio Grande LNG, LLC, Rio Grande LNG Train 4, LLC, and Rio Grande LNG Train 5, LLC*, Order Amending Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement Nations, DOE/HGEO Order No. 3869-B, FE Docket No. 15-190-LNG (June 12, 2026).



improvement of onsite temporary laydown and roads, work pads, temporary drainage, and arrangement of temporary facilities, utilities, and structures. Construction of the central control, administration, security, warehouse, workshop, and laboratory buildings, as well as the fire truck garage has continued.

- First exports of LNG from the Project are currently anticipated to occur in September of 2027.
- During the reporting period, NextDecade LNG, LLC, an affiliate of the Rio Grande Entities, filed the following long-term agreements with the U.S. Department of Energy pursuant to Condition D of Order No. 3869 and Condition I of Order No. 4492:
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and Shell Energy North America (US), L.P. dated June 30, 2025, and an associated transaction confirmation dated April 1, 2026; and
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and Kinetik Holdings LP dated April 14, 2026, and an associated transaction confirmation dated April 22, 2026.
- The following additional long-term agreements were entered into during the reporting period, and will be filed with the U.S. Department of Energy pursuant to Condition D of Order No. 3869 and Condition I of Order No. 4492:
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc., dated July 28, 2026, and an associated transaction confirmation dated September 16, 2026;
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and Chevron Natural Gas, a division of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., dated July 17, 2025, and an associated transaction confirmation dated September 10, 2026;
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and ExxonMobil Oil Corporation dated July 8, 2026, and an associated transaction confirmation dated September 10, 2026;
 - Natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and Southwest Energy, L.P. dated May 19, 2026, and an associated transaction confirmation dated September 4, 2026; and
 - An amended and restated transaction confirmation dated September 3, 2026, associated with a previously filed natural gas supply agreement between Rio Grande LNG Gas Marketing LLC and ENGIE Energy Marketing NA, Inc. dated November 13, 2024.

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Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (212) 506-3710.

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