

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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GOLDEN PASS PRODUCTS, LLC

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FE DOCKET NO. 12-156-LNG

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR REHEARING  
AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ANSWER  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION

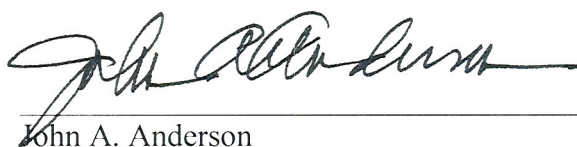
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On April 25, 2017, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE), issued an opinion and order to Golden Pass Products LLC (Golden Pass), captioned DOE/FE Order No. 3978, authorizing the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal.<sup>1</sup> DOE/FE authorized Golden Pass to export the requested volume of LNG to any countries with which the United States has not entered into 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 nations).

Subsequently, on May 25, 2017, intervenor-protestor Sierra Club submitted a Request for Rehearing of DOE/FE Order No. 3978. On June 8, 2017, Golden Pass submitted a Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer to Request for Rehearing and Motion for Stay of Sierra Club.

In order to afford additional time for consideration of the matters raised in Sierra Club's Request for Rehearing and Golden Pass's Motion and proposed Answer, rehearing is hereby granted for the limited purpose of further consideration. Accordingly, Sierra Club's Request for Rehearing and Golden Pass's Motion will not be deemed denied by operation of law pursuant to DOE regulations. 10 C.F.R. § 590.504.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 23, 2017.



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<sup>1</sup> *Golden Pass Products, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3978, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal Located in Jefferson County, Texas, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (April 25, 2017).