

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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CAMERON LNG, LLC

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FE DOCKET NO. 11-145-LNG

ORDER AMENDING LONG-TERM, MULTI-CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION  
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS BY VESSEL  
FROM THE CAMERON TERMINAL  
TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3059-A

AUGUST 13, 2018

## I. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

In 2011, Cameron LNG, LLC (Cameron LNG) filed an application<sup>1</sup> with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).<sup>2</sup> Cameron LNG requested long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the Cameron Terminal, located in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana, to countries with which the United States has 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 (FTA countries).<sup>3</sup> On January 17, 2012, in DOE/FE Order No. 3059, DOE/FE granted Cameron LNG's FTA authorization "for a 20-year term, beginning on the earlier of the date of first export or seven years from the date the authorization is issued (January 17, 2019) ...."<sup>4</sup>

On July 16, 2018, Cameron LNG submitted an application to amend DOE/FE Order No. 3059 in one respect—specifically, to extend "the latest start date of the term of the authorization ... from January 17, 2019, to July 17, 2019."<sup>5</sup> Cameron LNG states that it seeks this "limited, six-month extension to the latest start date to accommodate the current construction schedule."<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Cameron LNG, LLC, Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Free Trade Agreement Countries, FE Docket No. 11-145-LNG (Dec. 21, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> 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 FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> 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>4</sup> *Cameron LNG, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3059, FE Docket No. 11-145-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization To Export Liquefied Natural Gas By Vessel From the Cameron LNG Terminal to Free Trade Agreement Nations, at 6 (Jan. 17, 2012) (Ordering Para. A).

<sup>5</sup> *Cameron LNG, LLC*, Application for Limited Extension to Start Date of Term of Authorization, FE Docket No. 11-145-LNG, at 4 (Jul. 16, 2018) (emphasis added). Cameron LNG states that this request is not intended to supersede or otherwise modify any other export authorization granted to Cameron LNG. *See id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

## 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 portion of Cameron LNG's Application requesting an amendment to its FTA authorization (DOE/FE Order No. 3059) falls within section 3(c), as amended. Therefore, DOE/FE is charged with granting the requested amendment without modification or delay.<sup>7</sup>

### ORDER

Pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. Cameron LNG's request to amend DOE/FE Order No. 3059 is granted, as reflected in the following new Ordering Paragraph A:

Cameron LNG, LLC (Cameron LNG) is authorized to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Cameron Terminal in Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana. The volume authorized in this Order is equivalent to 620 Bcf/yr of natural gas for a 20-year term, beginning on the earlier of the date of first export or July 17, 2019. 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 long-term contracts (a contract greater than two years).

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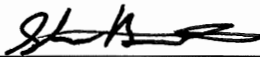
<sup>7</sup> DOE further finds that the requirement for public notice of applications and other hearing-type procedures in 10 C.F.R. Part 590, are applicable only to applications seeking to export natural gas, including LNG, to countries with which the United States does not have a FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas.

This amended Ordering Paragraph A supersedes Ordering Paragraph A in DOE/FE Order No. 3059 in its entirety.

B. All other obligations, rights, and responsibilities established by DOE/FE Order No. 3059 remain in effect.

C. This Order is effective immediately.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on August 13, 2018.



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