

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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GOLDEN PASS LNG TERMINAL LLC

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FE DOCKET NO. 20-03-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO  
IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM  
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES BY VESSEL

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 4494

JANUARY 30, 2020

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On January 8, 2020, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (Golden Pass LNG Terminal) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from various international sources by vessel, up to a total volume equivalent to 50 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on March 30, 2020.<sup>2</sup> Golden Pass LNG Terminal is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

## II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such imports or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Golden Pass LNG Terminal to import LNG from various international sources by vessel meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of not greater than two years.

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<sup>1</sup> 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. 00-002.04G issued on June 4, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Golden Pass LNG Terminal's blanket authorization to import LNG from various international sources, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4146 on January 26, 2018, extends through March 29, 2020.

## ORDER

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

A. Golden Pass LNG Terminal is authorized to import LNG from various international sources by vessel, up to a volume equivalent to 50 Bcf of natural gas, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on March 30, 2020, and extending through March 29, 2022.

B. This LNG may be imported at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories.

C. LNG imports that require increased security measures from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) or other branches of the Department of Homeland Security in place now or added in the future shall comply with those measures on a shipment by shipment basis to the satisfaction of the USCG. Such measures may include periodic boarding or examination of the vessel by the USCG at the load port, while the vessel is underway, at any time during the voyage, and before and during discharge of the cargo while at the discharge port, as well as other enhanced security measures.

D. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the imports of LNG authorized by this Order, Golden Pass LNG Terminal shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether imports of LNG have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed.

If imports of LNG by vessel have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. receiving terminal; (2) the name of the LNG tanker; (3) the date of arrival at the U.S. receiving terminal; (4) the country of origin; (5) the name of the supplier/seller; (6) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the landed price per million

British thermal units (MMBtu) at the point of import; (8) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot purchases); (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s); and (10) the geographic market served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)).

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than May 30, 2020, and should cover the reporting period from March 30, 2020 through April 30, 2020.

F. All monthly report filings on Form FE-746R shall be made to the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, according to the methods of submission listed on the Form FE-746R reporting instructions available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation>.

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