

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GOLDEN PASS LNG TERMINAL LLC)

FE DOCKET NO. 12-88-LNG

ORDER AMENDING AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3147-C

On March 24, 2020, the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE) issued a consolidated order—DOE/FE Order Nos. 3147-B and 3978-C in FE Docket Nos. 12-88-LNG and 12-156-LNG, respectively—to Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) entitled, “Order Granting Request for Extension of Export Commencement Deadlines” (Extension Order).¹ GPLNG subsequently requested that DOE/FE clarify Ordering Paragraph A of the Extension Order, which affects DOE/FE Order. No 3147-B only (FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG).² Under DOE/FE Order No. 3147, as amended, GPLNG has authority to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) to any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA

¹ *Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC*, DOE/FE Order Nos. 3147-B & 3978-C, FE Dockets No. 12-88-LNG & 12-156-LNG, Order Granting Request for Extension of Export Commencement Deadlines (Mar. 24, 2020).

² *See* E-mail from Kevin Sweeney, Counsel for GPLNG, to Amy Sweeney, DOE/FE, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG (Apr. 28, 2020); *see also* Extension Order, *supra* note 1, at 10.

countries), pursuant to section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).³

DOE/FE construes GPLNG's requested clarification as a request to amend the portion of the Extension Order applicable to DOE/FE Order No. 3147-B. Accordingly, we grant the request without modification or delay pursuant to NGA section 3(c).⁴

ORDER

Pursuant to NGA section 3(c), DOE/FE hereby orders that:

A. Ordering Paragraph A of DOE/FE Order No. 3147-B is amended to state as follows:

Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) is authorized to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Golden Pass Terminal in Sabine Pass, Texas, in a volume equivalent to 740 Bcf per year of natural gas for a 25-year term beginning on the earlier of (i) the date of first export or (ii) September 30, 2025. GPLNG is authorized to export the LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities who hold title to the natural gas, pursuant to one or more long-term contracts (a contract greater than two years).

B. All other obligations, rights, and responsibilities established by DOE/FE Order No. 3147, as amended by DOE/FE Order Nos. 3147-A and 3147-B, remain in effect.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on May 22, 2020.

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³ See Extension Order at 2-3.

⁴ See *id.* at 4.