

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

JORDAN COVE ENERGY PROJECT L.P.

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FE DOCKET NO. 12-32-LNG

NOTICE PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION
OF REQUEST FOR REHEARING
AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ANSWER

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

On July 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE) issued DOE/FE Order No. 3413-A, a final opinion and order authorizing Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P. (Jordan Cove) to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the proposed Jordan Cove LNG Terminal in a volume equivalent to 395 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas.¹ DOE/FE authorized Jordan Cove to export this LNG to any country 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 countries), pursuant to section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA).² Subsequently, on August 5, 2020, Sierra Club submitted a Request for Rehearing of DOE/FE Order No. 3413-A. On August 20, 2020, Jordan Cove submitted a Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer to Request for Rehearing.

Unless DOE/FE acts upon a request for rehearing within 30 days after it is filed, the request may be deemed to have been denied.³ In this proceeding, Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing and Jordan Cove’s Motion will be further considered and addressed in a future order. Consistent with NGA section 19(a), DOE/FE may modify or set aside DOE/FE Order No. 3413-A, in whole or in part, in such manner as it shall deem proper until the record in this proceeding is filed in a court of appeals.⁴

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 3, 2020.

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¹ *Jordan Cove Energy Project L.P.*, DOE/FE Order No. 3413-A, FE Docket No. 12-32-LNG, Final Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (July 6, 2020).

² 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

³ *Id.* § 717r(a); *see also* 10 C.F.R. § 590.504; *Allegheny Defense Project v. FERC*, 964 F.3d 1 (D.C. Cir. June 30, 2020) (decision on petition for rehearing en banc).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. § 717r(a); *see also Allegheny Defense Project*, 964 F.3d at 4-5, 16-17.