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ALASKA LNG PROJECT LLC

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FE DOCKET NO. 14-96-LNG

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

OCTOBER 20, 2020

On August 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE) issued DOE/FE Order No. 3643-A, a final opinion and order authorizing Alaska LNG Project LLC (Alaska LNG) to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the proposed Alaska LNG Project in a volume equivalent to 929 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas.¹ DOE/FE authorized Alaska LNG 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 September 21, 2020, Sierra Club submitted a Request for Rehearing of DOE/FE Order No. 3643-A. On October 6, 2020, intervenor Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) submitted a Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer to Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing.³

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.⁴ In this proceeding, Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing and AGDC’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. 3643-A, in whole or in part, in such manner as it shall deem proper until the record in this proceeding

¹ *Alaska LNG Project LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3643-A, FE Docket No. 14-96-LNG, Final Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (Aug. 20, 2020).

² 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a).

³ DOE/FE notes that AGDC holds the authorization granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to site, construct, and operate the proposed Alaska LNG Project. *Alaska Gasline Dev. Corp.*, Order Granting Authorization Under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, 171 FERC ¶ 61,134 (May 21, 2020).

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

is filed in a court of appeals.⁵

Issued in Washington, D.C., on October 20, 2020.

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