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Re: Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC,  
FE Docket Nos. 12-156-LNG and 12-88-LNG  
Application to Amend Export Terms for Existing Long-Term  
Authorizations Through December 31, 2050

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

Golden Pass LNG Terminal, LLC (“Golden Pass LNG”) hereby submits for filing with the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy an application for amendment to its long-term authorizations to export liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) to non-Free Trade Agreement and Free Trade Agreement countries.

Through this Application, Golden Pass LNG seeks limited amendments to two authorizations granted previously by the DOE/FE to export LNG the Golden Pass LNG Terminal in Sabine Pass, Jefferson County, Texas. This Application requests that the DOE/FE amend the authorizations to extend the export terms under these authorizations through December 31, 2050, in accordance with the DOE/FE’s final policy statement, “Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050.”<sup>1</sup>

As required by the DOE Regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 590.207, and based on guidance from your office, payment for the filing fee of \$50.00 is being transmitted electronically. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 590.103(b), a certified statement that the signatory is a duly authorized representative is attached in Exhibit A.

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<sup>1</sup> Dep’t of Energy, *Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050*, 85 Fed. Reg. 52237 (Aug. 25, 2020).

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 609-7709.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Kevin M. Sweeney*

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**Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC**

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**FE Docket Nos. 12-156-LNG  
12-88-LNG**

**APPLICATION TO AMEND EXPORT TERM  
FOR EXISTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2050**

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**APPLICATION TO AMEND EXPORT TERM  
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Pursuant to Sections 3(a) and 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”), 15 U.S.C. §§ 717b(a) and 717b(c), and Subpart G of the regulations of the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”), Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (“Golden Pass LNG”) submits this Application for amendments (“Application”) to long-term authorizations granted by the DOE/FE to export Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal in Sabine Pass, Texas.<sup>1</sup> GPLNG requests that the DOE/FE extend the export terms under these authorizations through December 31, 2050, in

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<sup>1</sup> *Golden Pass Products LLC*, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG (“Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel From the Golden Pass LNG Terminal Located in Jefferson County, Texas, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations”)(April 25, 2017)(DOE/FE Order No. 3978); *Golden Pass Products LLC*, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG (“Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal to Free Trade Agreement Nations”)(September 27, 2012)(DOE/FE Order No. 3147).

DOE/FE Order Nos. 3147-A, 3978-B and 4146-A issued March 4, 2020, authorized the transfer of this authorization from Golden Pass Products LLC to Golden Pass LNG. For clarity and ease of reference, this Application will refer to both Golden Pass Products LLC and Golden Pass LNG as “Golden Pass LNG.”

accordance with the DOE/FE’s final policy statement, “Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050.”<sup>2</sup>

In support of this Application, Golden Pass LNG respectfully states as follows:

## **SECTION I**

### **1. FE Docket Numbers**

Golden Pass LNG requests terms extensions for DOE/FE authorizations in Docket Nos. FE12-156-LNG and FE12-88-LNG.

### **2. Authorization Holders and Service List**

The exact legal name of applicant is Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC. Golden Pass LNG Terminal is a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 811 Louisiana, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002. Golden Pass LNG Terminal is owned by QTL U.S. Terminal LLC (“QTL”), an affiliate of Qatar Petroleum International Limited (“QPI”),<sup>3</sup> and Golden Pass LNG Terminal Investments LLC, an affiliate of Exxon Mobil Corporation (“ExxonMobil”).

Golden Pass LNG requests that all pleadings, correspondence and other communications concerning this application be directed the individuals identified below, and that their names, titles, and mailing addresses be added to the official service list. Golden Pass LNG requests waiver of Section 590.202(a) of the DOE/FE regulations to permit more than two persons to be listed on the official service list.

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<sup>2</sup> Dep’t of Energy, *Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050*, 85 Fed. Reg. 52237 (Aug. 25, 2020).

<sup>3</sup> QTL and QPI are direct and indirect owners, respectively, in Golden Pass LNG.

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**3. Name and Location of Export Facility**

The name of the export facility is the Golden Pass LNG Terminal. The construction and operation of the export facility was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in December 2016, as discussed more fully below. The export facility is currently under construction in Sabine Pass, Texas. The export facilities are adjacent to and interconnected with existing LNG import facilities owned and operated by Golden Pass LNG.

**4. Existing Long-Term DOE/FE Orders Subject to This Request**

The DOE/FE Orders authorizing Golden Pass LNG to export LNG to non-FTA and FTA countries are cited above. They are described in the table below:

<b>DOE/FE Order No.</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	<b>FTA/non-FTA</b>	<b>Export Volume</b>	<b>Additive Export Volumes</b>
Order No. 3978	April 25, 2017	Initial Order	Non-FTA	808 Billion Cubic Feet (“Bcf”) <sup>4</sup> per year; 15.6 million metric tons per year (“MMTA”)	Not additive to FTA authorization
Order No. 3978-B	March 4, 2020	Amended Order No. 3978 to permit the transfer of the non-FTA export authorization from Golden Pass Products LLC to Golden Pass LNG	Non-FTA	No change in authorized export volume	Not additive
Order No. 3978-C	March 24, 2020	Amended Order No. 3978 to extend date for commencement of commercial export operations until no later than September 30, 2025	Non-FTA	No change in authorized export volume	Not additive
Order No. 3147	September 27, 2012	Initial Order authorizing export	FTA	740 Bcf/year; 15.6 MMTA <sup>5</sup>	Not additive to non-FTA authorization
Order No. 3147-A	March 4, 2020	Amended Order No. 3147 to permit the transfer of the FTA export authorization from Golden Pass Products LLC to Golden Pass LNG	FTA	No change in authorized export volume	Not additive

<sup>4</sup> As discussed below, on August 14, 2020, Golden Pass LNG filed an application under NGA Section 3 to increase the authorized export quantity to 937 Bcf/year and 18.1 MMTA under both its NFTA and FTA authorizations. That application is pending before the DOE/FE at this time.

<sup>5</sup> As stated in the previous footnote, Golden Pass LNG has an application pending before the DOE/FE under NGA Section 3 to increase the authorized export quantity to 937 Bcf/year.



DOE/FE Order No.	Date Issued	Amendment	FTA/non-FTA	Export Volume	Additive Export Volumes
Order No. 3147-B, clarified, Order No. 3147-C	March 4, 2020, clarified May 22, 2020	Amended Order No. 3147 to extend date for commencement of commercial export operations until the earlier of (i) the date of first export or (ii) September 30, 2025	FTA	No change in authorized export volume	Not additive

DOE/FE Order Nos. 3978, 3978-A and 3978-B authorized Golden Pass LNG to export LNG to non-FTA nations for a 20-year term commencing with commercial export of domestically sourced LNG from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal.<sup>6</sup> The orders further provided that GPLNG may continue to export LNG for a total of three years following the end of the 20-year export term solely to export any Make-Up Volume that it was unable to export during the original export period.<sup>7</sup>

**5. Final Orders for the Liquefaction Project Issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

The FERC issued an order approving the construction and operation of the Golden Pass LNG export facilities on December 21, 2016. *Golden Pass Products LLC and Golden Pass Pipeline LLC*, 157 FERC ¶ 61,222 (2016) (“December 2016 Order”). On December 20, 2018, the FERC authorized the transfer of Golden Pass Products LLCs’ authorization Order to Golden Pass LNG as part of an anticipated merger to Golden Pass Products with

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<sup>6</sup> Order No. 3978 provided further that Golden Pass LNG must commence export operations no later than seven years from April 25, 2017, the date of issuance of Order No. 3978. As explained above, however, the DOE/FE subsequently granted Golden Pass LNG an extension of the deadline until the earlier of actual commercial export commencement or September 30, 2025.

<sup>7</sup> Order No. 3978, Ordering Paragraphs (B) and (C).

and into Golden Pass LNG. *Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC and Golden Pass Products LLC*, 165 FERC ¶ 61,261 (2018).

**6. Requested Amendment to Existing Export Term**

Golden Pass LNG's current non-FTA export authorization is for a twenty-year term, commencing on the earlier of the date of first commercial exports or September 30, 2025. Thus, Golden Pass LNG's current export authorization will expire on September 20, 2045, or earlier if commercial exports commence prior to September 30, 2025.<sup>8</sup> By this Application, Golden Pass LNG requests that the DOE/FE amend its non-FTA authorization to provide that the export term will extend through December 31, 2050.

Golden Pass LNG further requests that DOE/FE amend its FTA authorization to extend through December 31, 2050. As noted in the table above, the DOE/FE authorized Golden Pass LNG's FTA exports to commence on the earlier of (1) the date of first export or (2) September 30, 2025, for a 25-year term. Order No. 3147, Ordering Paragraph (A). The relatively short extension of Golden Pass LNG's FTA export term would align Golden Pass LNG's NFTA and FTA authorized terms.

**SECTION II**

**1. Additional Information Supporting the Public Interest**

Golden Pass LNG currently anticipates commencement of commercial exports in 2024, meaning that the 20-year term of its authorization would expire in 2044, with an additional three-year Make-Up Period until 2047. By this Application, Golden Pass LNG requests an extension of the export term until December 31, 2050, inclusive of the Make-

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<sup>8</sup> The expiration of the export term is subject, however, to the additional three-year Make-Up Period described above. The Policy Statement's extension of export terms through December 31, 2050, is inclusive of any make-up period. 85 *Fed.Reg.* at p. 52247.

Up Period, in accordance with the full term provided for in the Policy Statement. Golden Pass LNG respectfully submits that the original record supporting its non-FTA application amply supports this relatively short extension of approximately three years to its current non-FTA export term of 20 years (plus Make-Up Period).

The DOE/FE found that the Energy Information Administration’s projections in Annual Energy Outlook 2017 “provided independent support for the proposition that domestic supplies will be adequate both to meet domestic needs *and* to supply [Golden Pass LNG’s] exports and other final non-FTA LNG exports previously authorized by DOE/FE.”<sup>9</sup> In addition, Golden Pass LNG had filed as part of its application a study by the Perryman Group showing that the proposed exports would benefit the local economy in and around Jefferson County; Texas’s state economy; the Gulf Coast regional economy; and the greater national economy. [Any time period limitations?] The DOE/FE found further that these conclusions were bolstered by the 2014 and 2015 LNG Export Studies.

Discussion of NERA Study relied upon in subsequent Orders. As stated in the Extension Policy Statement, DOE/FE will base its decisions on extension requests on information provided in the original export proceeding as well as the Extension Policy Statement and DOE’s 2018 LNG Export Study.<sup>10</sup>

Indeed, Golden Pass LNG’s non-FTA export application had requested a 25-year export term, which the DOE/FE limited to 20 years in Order No. 3978. Depending upon

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<sup>9</sup> Order No. 3978 at p. 138, *citing* discussion at § VIII.A. of the order.

<sup>10</sup> See U.S. Dep’t of Energy, *Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports; Notice of Availability of the 2018 LNG Export Study and Request for Comments*, 83 Fed. Reg. 27,314 (June 12, 2018); U.S. Dep’t of Energy, *Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports; Response to Comments Received on Study*, 83 Fed. Reg. 67,251 (Dec. 28, 2018).

the ultimate commercial export commencement date, Golden Pass LNG’s requested export term would have expired in 2049 or 2050.

**2. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)<sup>11</sup>**

In the proceeding before the FERC on Golden Pass LNG’s application to construct and operate the LNG export terminal facilities,<sup>12</sup> the FERC staff evaluated the potential environmental impacts of the proposed projects in a draft and final EIS in accordance with NEPA. The DOE was a cooperating agency in the FERC’s NEPA review, along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“Army Corps”), the U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”), and the U.S. Coast Guard.

**a. Final NEPA document and date issued for export facility**

On July 29, 2016, the FERC staff issued the final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) for the project. The FEIS concluded that the adverse environmental impacts resulting from the project would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of Golden Pass LNG’s proposed mitigation and the FERC Staff’s recommendations, which the FERC adopted as Environmental Conditions to its December 2016 Order approving the project.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*

<sup>12</sup> The regulatory functions of NGA Section 3 were transferred to the Secretary of Energy in 1977 pursuant to Section 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. § 7101 *et. seq.* The Secretary subsequently delegated to the FERC the authority to approve or disapprove the construction and operation of natural gas import and export facilities and the site at which such facilities shall be located. The most recent delegation is in DOE Delegation Order No. 00-044.00A, effective May 16, 2006.

<sup>13</sup> *Golden Pass Products LLC (now Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC)*, 157 FERC ¶ 61,222 (2016) (December 2016 Order”) at PP 55-58. This Order also approved the application of Golden Pass

**b. Changes to export facility, if any, associated with term extension, including operational changes or new construction.**

On August 14, 2020, Golden Pass LNG filed an application with the DOE/FE to amend its non-FTA and FTA authorizations to increase the authorized export quantities. In Docket No. FE12-156-LNG, Golden Pass LNG requests that DOE/FE amend the authorization granted in Order No. 3978 to increase the annual authorized LNG export quantity from 15.6 million metric tons (“MT”) per annum (“MTPA”) to 18.1 MTPA, and from 808 Bcf/yr. In Docket No. FE12-88-LNG, Golden Pass LNG requests that DOE/FE amend the authorization granted in Order No. 3147 to increase the annual authorized LNG export quantity from 740 Bcf/yr to 937 Bcf/yr. These pending applications do not propose any revisions to the proposed export facilities, including operational changes or new construction.

Similarly, Golden Pass LNG does not propose any changes to the export facilities associated with the limited term extensions requested in these applications.

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Pipeline LLC under NGA Section 7, 15 U.S.C. § 717f, to construct and operate a Pipeline Expansion Project to construct and operate compression and looping facilities in Texas and Louisiana to enable it to transport up to 2.5 billion cubic feet per day of domestically sourced natural gas to the proposed export terminal facilities for export as LNG.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Golden Pass LNG requests that the DOE/FE extend the terms of the LNG export authority granted in Order Nos. 3897, et seq. and Order Nos. 3147, et seq. through December 31, 2050, with an attendant increase in the total export volume over the life of those authorizations.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX A**  
**VERIFICATION**

**VERIFICATION**

City of Washington:)

District of Columbia )

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing document and am familiar with the contents thereof; and that all of the statements contained therein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED on this 2<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2020.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX B**

**OPINION OF COUNSEL**



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Re: Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC, FE Docket Nos. 12-156-LNG and FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG  
Opinion of Counsel

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

Golden Pass LNG Terminal, LLC ("Golden Pass LNG") is applying to the Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE" pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717b, an application to amend the authorizations granted by the DOE/FE in in Order Nos. 3978<sup>1</sup> and 3147<sup>2</sup> for the exportation of liquefied natural gas ("LNG")("Application for Limited Amendment"). Golden Pass LNG would make the authorized exports from authorized facilities currently under construction contiguous to and integrated with the existing LNG import terminal owned and operated by Golden Pass LNG in the vicinity of Sabine Pass, Texas.

I furnish this Opinion pursuant to Section 590.202(c) of the DOE regulations, 10 C.F.R. § 590.202(c)(2019), which requires that Golden Pass LNG provide an opinion of showing that a proposed import or export of natural gas is within the corporate powers of the applicant. For purposes of this Opinion, I have examined all relevant documents and made examinations of law as I deemed necessary.

Based on the foregoing examinations, I am of the opinion that the proposal of Golden Pass LNG to increase its authorized export quantities as set forth in this Application is within the authorized powers of Golden Pass LNG.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blaine Yamagata". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Blaine Yamagata  
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Golden Pass LNG Terminal, LLC

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<sup>1</sup> *Golden Pass Products LLC*, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG ("Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal Located in Jefferson County, Texas, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations")(April 25, 2017)(DOE/FE Order No. 3978). DOE/FE Order Nos. 3147-A, 3978-B and 4146-A issued March 4, 2020, authorized the transfer of this authorization from Golden Pass Products LLC to Golden Pass LNG.

<sup>2</sup> *Golden Pass Products LLC*, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG ("Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal to Free Trade Agreement Nations)(September 27, 2012)(DOE/FE Order No. 3147). DOE/FE Order Nos. 3147-A, 3978-B and 4146-A issued March 4, 2020, also authorized the transfer of this authorization from Golden Pass Products LLC to Golden Pass LNG.

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**Docket No. FE12-156-LNG  
FE12-88-LNG**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND SECTION 3 AUTHORIZATION**

(October \_\_, 2020)

The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of receipt of an application (Application), filed on October 2, 2020, by Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (Golden Pass LNG), 811 Louisiana, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002, in Docket Nos. FE12-156-LNG and FE12-88-LNG pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Subpart G of the DOE/FE Regulations. The Application requests authority to amend the authorizations issued by DOE/FE granted long-term, multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) to extend the export terms under these authorizations through December 31, 2050, in accordance with the DOE/FE's final policy statement, "Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050."<sup>1</sup>

In Docket No. FE12-156-LNG, Golden Pass LNG requests that DOE/FE amend the authorization granted in Order No. 3978<sup>2</sup> to extend the export term of its authorization to export LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement countries through December 31, 2050. In Docket No. FE12-88-LNG, Golden Pass LNG requests that DOE/FE amend the authorization granted in Order No. 3147<sup>3</sup> to extend the export term of its authorization to export LNG to Free Trade Agreement countries through December 31, 2050.

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<sup>1</sup> Dep't of Energy, *Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050*, 85 Fed. Reg. 52237 (Aug. 25, 2020).

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<sup>3</sup> *Golden Pass Products LLC*, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG ("Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal to Free Trade Agreement Nations")(September 27, 2012)(DOE/FE Order No. 3147). The DOE/FE also approved the transfer of this authorization to Golden Pass LNG.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to Blaine Yamagata, Vice President and General Counsel, Golden Pass LNG, 811 Louisiana, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 77002; or to Kevin M. Sweeney, Law Office of Kevin M. Sweeney, 1625 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, phone: (202) 609-7709.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the Public Comment Procedures section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin Nussdorf or Larine Moore, U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-7970; (202) 586- 9478. Cassandra Bernstein, U.S. Department of Energy (GC-76), Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Electricity and Fossil Energy, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Golden Pass LNG requests these amendments based on its determination that the total LNG production capacity of the Golden Pass LNG Terminal facilities currently under construction is higher than the authorized level. The basis for this determined is explained below. Golden Pass LNG has submitted a corresponding application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) under NGA Section 3 to increase the authorized LNG export capacity of the terminal facilities to correspond to the increases requested in this Application. The amended authorizations requested herein and before the FERC do not require the construction of any additional facilities beyond those authorized in previous orders, and require no changes in the operation of the Golden Pass LNG Terminal.

Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DOE/FE Evaluation: In reviewing Golden Pass LNG’s Application, DOE will consider any issues required by law or policy. DOE will consider domestic need for the natural gas, as well as any other issues determined to be appropriate, including whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE’s policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. As part of this analysis, DOE will consider the study entitled, Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market

Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports (2018 LNG Export Study),<sup>4</sup> and DOE/FE's response to public comments received on that Study.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, DOE will consider the following environmental documents:

- Addendum to Environmental Review Documents Concerning Exports of Natural Gas From the United States, 79 FR 48132 (Aug. 15, 2014);<sup>6</sup> and
- Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014).<sup>7</sup>

Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues and documents in their comments and/ or protests, as well as other issues deemed relevant to the Application. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its environmental responsibilities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES:** In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Interested parties will be provided 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in which to submit comments, protests, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR part 590. Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) Emailing the filing to [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov), with FE Docket No. 19-34-LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in ADDRESSES; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation,

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<sup>4</sup> NERA Economic Consulting, *Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports* (June 7, 2018), available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/06/f52/Macroeconomic%20LNG%20Export%20Study%202018.pdf>; see also U.S. Dep't of Energy, *Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports; Notice of Availability of the 2018 LNG Export Study and Request for Comments*, 83 FR 27314 (June 12, 2018)

<sup>5</sup> U.S. Dep't of Energy, *Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports: Response to Comments Received on Study; Notice of Response t*

<sup>6</sup> The Addendum and related documents are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/08/f18/Addendum.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> 4The Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/lifecyclegreenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefiednatural-gas-united-states>.

Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in ADDRESSES. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 19–34–LNG.

PLEASE NOTE: If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission. A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this Notice by parties, including the parties’ written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316. The Application is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement docket room, Room 3E–042, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: <http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Amy Sweeney, Director, Division of Natural Gas Regulation.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 2nd day of October, 2020

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