

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

FLORIDIAN NATURAL GAS
STORAGE COMPANY, LLC

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FE DOCKET NO. 15-38-LNG

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO VACATE LONG-TERM, MULTI-CONTRACT
AUTHORIZATIONS TO EXPORT LNG IN ISO CONTAINERS
LOADED AT THE PROPOSED FLORIDIAN FACILITY
IN MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND EXPORTED BY VESSEL TO
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS AND TO NON-FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3691-A

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3744-A

In 2015, the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE/FE) granted two long-term, multi-contract export authorizations to Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC (Floridian) in the above-captioned docket. First, on July 31, 2015, in Order No. 3691, DOE/FE authorized Floridian to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) by ISO containers on vessels loaded at the proposed Floridian Facility in Martin, County, Florida (Floridian Facility) to countries with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries) in a

volume equivalent to 14.6 Bcf/yr of natural gas (0.04 Bcf/d). Second, on November 25, 2015, in Order No. 3744, DOE/FE authorized Floridian to export domestically produced LNG by ISO containers on vessels loaded at the Floridian Facility to non-FTA countries in the same non-additive volume of 14.6 Bcf/yr of natural gas. Both authorizations are for a 20-year term beginning on the earlier of the date of first export or five years from the respective date the authorizations were issued.

On October 12, 2020, Floridian notified DOE/FE that it wishes to vacate its export authorizations granted in both DOE/FE Order Nos. 3691 and 3744.¹ Floridian states that it has made the decision to stop pursuing the development of its natural gas liquefaction and LNG storage facility projects.²

DOE/FE finds good cause for granting Floridian's request. Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, the authorizations granted to Floridian in DOE/FE Order Nos. 3691 and 3744 are vacated, effective immediately.

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

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¹ Ltr. from David S. Sharp, Chief Operating Officer for Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC, to DOE/FE (Oct. 12, 2020).

² *See id.*