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Ms. Amy R. Sweeney  
Director, Division of Natural Gas Regulation  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Fossil Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20595

**Re: Galveston Bay LNG, LLC - Request to Vacate and Withdraw  
DOE/FE Order No. 4200  
DOE/FE Docket No. 17-167-LNG**

Dear Ms. Sweeney,

On December 22, 2017, Galveston Bay LNG, LLC (“Galveston Bay”) filed with the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”) an application (the “Application”) for long-term authorization to export LNG to FTA and non-FTA countries from a proposed LNG export facility in Texas City, Texas (the “Project”). On June 13, 2018, DOE/FE issued Order No. 4200 authorizing Galveston Bay to export LNG to FTA nations (the “FTA Order”). Galveston Bay’s application to export LNG to non-FTA countries (the “NFTA Application”) remains pending before DOE/FE. NextDecade Corporation is the ultimate parent company of Galveston Bay.

As described in the Application, GB Developers’ LNG export facility was to be located on land owned, in part, by the Texas General Land Office and in part, by the City of Texas City (collectively, “Lessors”). The Lessors leased the land to GB Developers’ immediate parent company, NextDecade LNG, LLC on a short-term basis, with the option to negotiate a long-term lease for the purpose of constructing and operating the Project. A portion of the leased land is under a Federal Navigation Servitude and serves as an active Dredged Material Placement Area (“DMPA”) for the Texas City Ship Channel Federal Project. In discussions with the US Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”), NextDecade has determined that while there may be potential paths to the Corps releasing its right of Federal Navigation Servitude, including the acquisition and development of an alternative dredge disposal area to support the Corps’ operational needs, NextDecade does not believe these paths are reasonably viable. The Corps recently confirmed to the Lessors that it has no intention of releasing its rights in respect of the Federal Navigation Servitude, now or in the foreseeable future. In light of this information, NextDecade has decided not to move forward with the Project.

Therefore, Galveston Bay hereby respectfully requests that the DOE/FE (1) vacate Galveston Bay’s existing FTA Order to export natural gas to FTA nations, and (2) withdraw Galveston Bay’s NFTA Application, in each case under DOE/FE Docket No. 17-167-LNG.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (202) 778-9014 or at david.wochner@klgates.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Wochner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David L. Wochner  
*Counsel for Galveston Bay LNG, LLC*