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**Authority:** § 6141 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 7471)

**Frank T. Brogan,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 18–145–LNG]

### **Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.; Application To Amend Long-Term Authorization To Export Natural Gas to Mexico and To Re-Export Liquefied Natural Gas From Mexico to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice (Notice) of receipt of an Application (Application), filed on September 18, 2020, by Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V. (ECA). ECA seeks to amend DOE/FE Order No. 4365, which currently authorizes ECA to export domestically produced natural gas to Mexico, and to re-export a portion of the natural gas as liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the ECA Large-Scale Project to be located in Mexico to non-free trade agreement (non-FTA) countries. ECA asks DOE/FE to increase the approved non-FTA export volume for the ECA Large-Scale Project from 475 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) to 636 Bcf/yr of natural gas—an increase of 161 Bcf/yr. ECA filed the Application under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

**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, December 14, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Electronic Filing by email:* [fergas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:fergas@hq.doe.gov).

*Regular Mail:* U.S. Department of Energy (FE–34), Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Fossil Energy, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, DC 20026–4375.

*Hand Delivery or Private Delivery Services (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.):* 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Benjamin Nussdorf or Amy Sweeney, 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) 586–7893 or (202) 586–2627, [benjamin.nussdorf@hq.doe.gov](mailto:benjamin.nussdorf@hq.doe.gov) or [amy.sweeney@hq.doe.gov](mailto:amy.sweeney@hq.doe.gov).

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, [cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov](mailto:cassandra.bernstein@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 29, 2019, in Order No. 4365, DOE/FE authorized ECA to export domestically produced natural gas to Mexico in a

volume up to 545 Bcf/yr, and to re-export a portion of this natural gas in the form of LNG to non-FTA countries in a volume equivalent to 475 Bcf/yr of natural gas, pursuant to NGA section 3(a), 15 U.S.C. 717b(a).<sup>1</sup> ECA is authorized to re-export this LNG from the ECA Large-Scale Project, to be located on the site of ECA's existing LNG import terminal north of Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

ECA states that it has determined that the full design of the ECA Large-Scale Project will be capable of producing an additional volume of LNG for re-export. In light of this design increase, ECA asks DOE/FE to amend Order No. 4365 to authorize the re-export of an additional 161 Bcf/yr of natural gas in the form of LNG from the ECA Large-Scale Project to non-FTA countries.<sup>2</sup> ECA seeks to export this LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities who hold title to the natural gas and/or LNG at the time of export. ECA requests the authorization for a term to commence on the earlier of the date of first export or seven years from the issuance of the requested authorization, and to extend through December 31, 2050.

Additional details can be found in ECA's Application, posted on the DOE/FE website at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/09/f79/Energia%20Costa%20Azul%20-%20Design%20Increase%2018-145-LNG.pdf>

### **DOE/FE Evaluation**

In reviewing ECA'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>3</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> *Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.*, DOE/FE Order No. 4365, FE Docket No. 18–145–LNG, Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Re-Export U.S.-Sourced Natural Gas in the Form of Liquefied Natural Gas from Mexico to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries (ECA Large-Scale Project) (Mar. 29, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> DOE/FE will review ECA's request for an amendment to its existing FTA export authorization, as well as its request for an additional amount for use as fuel for pipeline transportation or liquefaction in Mexico, separately pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, 15 U.S.C. 717b(c).

<sup>3</sup> See NERA Economic Consulting, *Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of U.S. LNG Exports* (June 7, 2018), available

DOE/FE's response to public comments received on that Study.<sup>4</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>5</sup>

- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States*, 79 FR 32260 (June 4, 2014);<sup>6</sup> and

- *Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States: 2019 Update*, 84 FR 49278 (Sept. 19, 2019), and DOE/FE's response to public comments received on that study.<sup>7</sup>

Parties that may oppose this Application should address these issues and documents in their comments and 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. 18–145–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, Analysis, and Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 18–145–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, notices 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 October 7, 2020.

**Amy Sweeney,**

*Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, Office of Oil and Natural Gas.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL21–3–000]

#### NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on October 5, 2020, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2019), NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (Petitioner), hereby submits a petition for declaratory order seeking to understand the scope of its FERC-jurisdictional regulatory obligations with respect to NECEC Transmission, LLC's (NECEC) New England Clean Energy Connect project (NECEC Elective Upgrade), to resolve a dispute with NECEC, as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For

at: <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2018/06/f52/Macroeconomic%20LNG%20Export%20Study%202018.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Dep't of Energy, Study on Macroeconomic Outcomes of LNG Exports: Response to Comments Received on Study; Notice of Response to Comments, 83 FR 67251 (Dec. 28, 2018).

<sup>5</sup> The Addendum and related documents are available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/draft-addendum-environmental-review-documents-concerning-exports-natural-gas-united-states>.

<sup>6</sup> The 2014 Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Report is available at: <http://energy.gov/fe/life-cycle-greenhouse-gas-perspective-exporting-liquefied-natural-gas-united-states>.

<sup>7</sup> U.S. Dep't of Energy, Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas From the United States: 2019 Update—Response to Comments, 85 FR 72 (Jan. 2, 2020). The 2019 Update and related documents are available at: <https://fossil.energy.gov/app/docketindex/docket/index/21>.