

to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. The request to conduct NAEP 2021, including operational assessments and pilot tests: Operational national/state/TUDA Digitally Based Assessments (DBA) in mathematics and reading at grades 4 and 8, and Puerto Rico in mathematics at grades 4 and 8; and operational national DBA in U.S. history and civics at grade 8 was approved in April 2020, with a further update to the materials approved in July 2020. This request is to conduct NAEP operational assessments in 2021 and will follow the traditional NAEP design which assesses each student in 60-minutes for one cognitive subject. Given the COVID-19 outbreak, NAEP requires personal protective equipment for field staff and must plan for additional sessions given that students may attend school on a staggered schedule. NAEP was not able to secure additional funding from Congress to cover the additional costs for personal protective equipment, necessary increases in field staff, and other operational costs that would be required to assess the full sample. As such, this Amendment reflects the elimination of the national-only assessments (grade 8 U.S. History and Civics, and age 17 Long-Term Trend), a smaller sample of students within each state for reading and mathematics, and the elimination of TUDAs from the 2021 sample. This Amendment also includes the addition of an online version of the student questionnaires that will be available to sampled students who are remote and not able to be assessed in-person, as well as the addition of some questionnaire items on teacher, student, and school experiences conditioned by the COVID-19 pandemic. The final Materials Update #3 is scheduled for October of 2020. The NAEP results will be reported to the public through the Nation's Report Card as well as other online NAEP tools.

Dated: October 6, 2020.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) Open Teleconference Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), U.S. Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice of this meeting is required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and is intended to notify members of the public of an upcoming NACIE open teleconference meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting due to the logistical arrangements required to convene NACIE for a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 impact on the capability to convene face-to-face Council meetings.

**DATES:** The NACIE open teleconference meeting will be held on October 23, 2020 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. (EDT).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Hernandez Marshall, Designated Federal Official, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)/Office of Indian Education (OIE), U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 3W113, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-205-1909, Email: [Angela.Hernandez-Marshall@ed.gov](mailto:Angela.Hernandez-Marshall@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

*Statutory Authority and Function:* NACIE is authorized by Section 6141 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. NACIE is established within the U.S. Department of Education to advise the Secretary of Education (Secretary) and the Secretary of Interior on the funding and administration (including the development of regulations, and administrative policies and practices) of any program over which the Secretary has jurisdiction and includes Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, including any program established under Title VI, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. In addition, NACIE advises the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, in accordance with Section 5(a) of Executive Order 13592. NACIE submits to the Congress each year a report on its activities that includes recommendations that are considered appropriate for the improvement of Federal education programs that include Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, and recommendations

concerning the funding of any such program.

*Meeting Agenda:* The purpose of the meeting is to convene NACIE to conduct the following business: (1) Conduct brief membership introductions; (2) discuss, review, and approve the draft NACIE annual report to Congress prepared by the NACIE Annual Report subcommittee; (3) introduce the new Office of Indian Education Director; (4) provide updates from the Acting Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education on Initiative activities; (5) review Written Public Comments; and (6) provide U.S. Department of Education updates.

**Instructions for Accessing the Meeting**

Members of the public may access the NACIE meeting by dial-in listen only access. Up to 100 lines will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The dial-in phone number for the teleconference meeting is 1-408-650-3123 and the participate code is 404-347-733.

*Public Comment:* Members of the public interested in submitting written comments pertaining to the work of NACIE may do so via email to [Angela.Hernandez-Marshall@ed.gov](mailto:Angela.Hernandez-Marshall@ed.gov). Please note, written comments should pertain to the work of NACIE and/or the Office of Indian Education.

*Reasonable Accommodations:* The teleconference meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service for the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice not later than Monday, October 19, 2020. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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[www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

**Access to Records of the Meeting:** The Department will post the official open meeting report of this meeting on the OESE website at: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-indian-education/national-advisory-council-on-indian-education-oie/> 21 days after the meeting. Pursuant to the FACA, the public may also inspect NACIE records at the Office of Indian Education, United States Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Please email [Wanda.Lee@ed.gov](mailto:Wanda.Lee@ed.gov) or by calling Wanda Lee at (202) 453–7262 to schedule an appointment.

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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)

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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).

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**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*