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Attention: Natural Gas Reports

Re: Semi-Annual Status Report on Liquefied Natural Gas Export Project Golden Pass Products LLC, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG (DOE/FE Order No. 3147)

To: Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities

On September 27, 2012, the Department of Energy/Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") issued *Golden Pass Products LLC* ("GPP"), DOE/FE Order No. 3147, in the referenced proceeding, granting long-term multi-contract authorization to GPP for the exportation of Liquefied Natural Gas ("LNG") by vessel from the proposed GPP export terminal facilities, to free trade agreement nations. Ordering paragraph (J) of the September 27, 2012 order requires GPP to file semi-annual status reports on April 1st and October 1st of each year describing the progress of the proposed export facilities. In compliance with ordering paragraph (J), GPP is providing the following status report.

On July 7, 2014, GPP and Golden Pass Pipeline LLC ("GPPL") (collectively "Golden Pass") filed formal applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") under Section 3 and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000, respectively, to construct and operate LNG export facilities near Sabine Pass, Texas. (GPP and GPPL filed these applications following completion of the FERC's pre-filing process in Docket No. PF13-14-000.) The FERC issued a notice of GPP's and GPP's formal applications on July 21, 2014.

The Notice of Schedule for environmental review issued by the FERC on January 29, 2016 establishes July 29, 2016 as the date of FERC's issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and October 27, 2016, as the 90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline. On March 25, 2016 the FERC staff issued its draft environmental impact statement ("EIS") for Golden Pass. Comments on the draft EIS must be filed on or before May 16, 2016.

Golden Pass continues to engage the various federal and state permitting agencies. The necessary air quality permits have been issued and received by Golden Pass. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") permit application [SWG-2004-02118] is still under evaluation. Meetings

were held with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on January 26, 2016, the USACE on March 3, 2016, and the Texas Railroad Commission on March 4, 2016 to review and discuss key facets of the application prior to public notice.

Subject to final shareholder approvals, GPP anticipates becoming operational as early as 2021, assuming an expedient conclusion of FERC permitting and DOE/FE's timely approval of GPP's pending NFTA LNG export application filed October 26, 2012, in Docket No. FE12-156-LNG. GPP continues to advance commercial opportunities, though at present we do not have long-term export and supply contracts to report.

Respectfully submitted, Golden Pass Products LLC

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