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Via Electronic Mail

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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 GPPL'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 July 29, 2016 the FERC staff issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for Golden Pass. The FEIS concludes that, with the mitigation measures recommended in the FEIS, the environmental impacts of the proposed facilities would not be significant. Golden Pass anticipates FERC authorization for construction and operation of the proposed facilities in the near future.

Golden Pass continues to engage the various federal and state permitting agencies. The necessary air quality permits for the liquefaction terminal have been issued and received by Golden Pass and applications for the proposed compressor stations will be submitted in 2017. Approval of the (CWA Section 401) Water Quality Certification and the (Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act) Coastal Use Determination was received August 22, 2016, from the Texas Railroad Commission. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") permit application [SWG-2004-02118] is still under evaluation. Public Noticing was completed in June and responses to all comments were filed with the USACE on June 15, 2016. Meetings were held with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on September 16, 2016 and the USACE on September 6, 2016 to review and discuss key facets of the application.

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,

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