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Attention: Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC,

FE Docket Nos. 13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, and 15-25-LNG

Order Nos. 3345, 3520 and 3662, Order Condition J – Semi-annual Progress Report

#### Dear Sirs & Madams:

Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC ("Venture Global Calcasieu Pass") hereby submits to the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") this semi-annual report in compliance with ordering paragraph J of (1) Order No. 3345 issued in FE Docket No. 13-69-LNG on September 27, 2013, (2) Order No. 3520 issued in FE Docket No. 14-88-LNG on October 10, 2014, and (3) Order No. 3662 issued in FE Docket No. 15-25-LNG on June 17, 2015. All three orders grant long-term multi-contract authorization to export liquefied natural gas ("LNG") to countries with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a Free-Trade Agreement ("FTA") requiring the national treatment of natural gas from the proposed liquefaction and LNG export project being developed by Calcasieu Pass in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the "Project"). Calcasieu Pass's applications for authorization to export LNG from the Project to nations with which the United States does not have such a FTA, but with which trade is not prohibited, are pending in those same proceedings.

#### a) Progress of the Project:

- Calcasieu Pass submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") its formal
  application for the Project, along with the related application by its affiliate TransCameron
  Pipeline, LLC ("TransCameron"), on September 4, 2015, as noted in Calcasieu Pass's most
  recent semi-annual report. Progress continues in the FERC proceedings, which are pending
  in FERC Docket Nos. CP15-550-000, CP15-551-000 and CP15-551-001. Calcasieu Pass
  and TransCameron (together, the "Applicants") continue to submit supplemental information
  and updates regarding developments since the filing of their applications.
- On May 4, 2016, the FERC Staff issued Environmental Information Requests. Applicants submitted responses to these requests on May 17, 2016.

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- In June and July 2016, Applicants submitted filings to FERC reflecting Project changes that significantly reduce the Project's total permanent impacts on wetlands and increase overall process efficiency. Specifically, on June 28, 2016, TransCameron amended its FERC certificate application to remove the West Lateral from its proposal and to reflect minor workspace adjustments along the East Lateral. On July 14, 2016, Applicants submitted supplements to Resource Reports 1 through 8, 10, 11 and 13 to FERC to reflect layout and design changes. Applicants submitted to FERC a corresponding supplement to Resource Report 9 on July 25, 2016, and additional Resource Report 13 information on July 29, 2016. FERC issued a Supplemental Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Project, soliciting additional scoping comments following these filings. The supplemental comment period closed on September 1, 2016.
- On August 29, 2016, the FERC Staff issued Environmental Information Requests and the Applicants submitted responses to these requests on September 19, 2016. On September 20, 2016, the FERC Staff issued additional Environmental Information Requests. Applicants will respond to those requests in accordance with FERC instructions and deadlines.

## b) Date the Project is expected to be operational:

Calcasieu Pass anticipates that, following the completion of the FERC and DOE approval
process, it will begin full operations of its Project in the first half of 2020, with a phased
operational start-up expected to commence earlier as described in Calcasieu Pass's filings
with FERC.

# c) Status of the long-term contracts associated with the long-term export of LNG and any long-term supply contracts:

- Calcasieu Pass entered into a binding, long-term LNG Sales and Purchase Agreement with Shell NA LNG, LLC on January 19, 2016, as noted in Calcasieu Pass's most recent semiannual report. Full and redacted copies of that agreement, as well as a summary, were submitted to DOE/FE on February 8, 2016.
- Calcasieu Pass continues to negotiate Sales and Purchase Agreements with other potential
  customers for the export of LNG from the Project. Calcasieu Pass will continue to file all
  long-term, binding contracts associated with the export of LNG from its facility once
  executed, in accordance with the requirements of its DOE/FE authorizations.

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We hope this update provides you with sufficient detail regarding the status of the Calcasieu Pass Project in compliance with Order Nos. 3345, 3520, and 3662. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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