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Attention:

Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC,

FE Docket No. 16-28-LNG

Order No. 3866, Order Condition J - Semi-annual Progress Report

#### Dear Sirs & Madams:

Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC ("Plaquemines LNG") hereby submits to the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") this semi-annual report in compliance with ordering paragraph J of Order No. 3866 issued in FE Docket No. 16-28-LNG on July 21, 2016. This order grants 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 Plaquemines LNG near mile marker 55 in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana (the "Project"). Plaquemines LNG's application 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, is pending in the same proceeding.

# a) Progress of the Project:

- By letter order dated July 2, 2015, Plaquemines LNG was granted approval by the Director of the Office of Energy Projects of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to utilize the Commission's Pre-Filing review process for the Project. The Project was assigned Docket No. PF15-27-000. Plaquemines LNG is developing the Project jointly with its pipeline affiliate, Venture Global Gator Express, LLC, (Gator Express Pipeline), which will own and operate the Project's lateral pipelines (together, Plaquemines LNG and Gator Express Pipeline are referred to as "Applicants").
- Progress continues in the FERC Pre-Filing review process, with Applicants participating in biweekly FERC conference calls and submitting draft Resource Reports and monthly updates to FERC regarding Project developments.

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- On July 31, 2015, Plaquemines LNG filed draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 for the Project with the FERC. On September 25, 2015, FERC Staff provided comments on draft Resource Reports 1 and 10. Applicants submitted draft Resource Reports 1-12 in mid- to late-November, 2015, which responded to FERC Staff's initial comments.
- On October 5, 2015, the FERC issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Project and scheduled a public scoping meeting for the Project. The public scoping meeting was held in Belle Chasse, Louisiana on October 21, 2015.
- FERC Staff provided comments on draft Resource Reports 1-10 for the Project on February 8, 2016, and comments on draft Resource Report 11 on February 25, 2016. Applicants responded to FERC Staff's comments in its submission of revised draft Resource Reports in August, 2016. Specifically, on August 8, 2016, Applicants filed revised draft Resource Reports 1 through 4, 6 through 8 and 10 with the FERC. On August 10, 2016, Applicants filed Draft Resource Report 5 with the FERC. On August 22, 2016, Applicants filed a Supplement to Draft Resource Reports 1 and 2 with the FERC.
- On September 23, 2016, Applicants filed draft Resource Report 13 with FERC. Applicants anticipate filing a formal Application with FERC in December 2016.

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

- Plaquemines LNG anticipates that, following the completion of the FERC and DOE approval process, it will begin operation of the Project late 2020.
- c) Status of the long-term contracts associated with the long-term export of LNG and any long-term supply contracts:
  - Plaquemines LNG continues to negotiate Sales and Purchase Agreements with potential
    customers for the export of LNG from the Project. Plaquemines LNG will 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.

We hope this update provides you with sufficient detail regarding the status of the Project in compliance with Order No. 3866. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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