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RE: Fourchon LNG LLC, FE Docket No. 17-105-LNG, Order No. 4162, Order Condition J—Semi-Annual Progress Report

To: Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply

Pursuant to paragraph J of Order No. 4162, Fourchon LNG LLC (Fourchon LNG) submits this semi-annual progress report describing the progress of the natural gas liquefaction facilities being developed by Fourchon LNG at Port Fourchon, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

On August 17, 2017, Fourchon LNG filed its application for authorization to export LNG for a 30-year term to any country with which the United States currently has, or in the future will have, a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries), and or for a 20-year term with any country with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. 4162 on March 11, 2018, authorizing Fourchon LNG to export approximately 260 Bcf/year of natural gas for a 30-year term to any country with whom the United States has an agreement or may subsequently enter into an agreement allowing free trade in natural gas. The Order takes effect beginning on the earlier of the date of first export or seven years from the date the authorization is issued (March 11, 2025).

On October 3, 2018, Fourchon LNG submitted its second semi-annual progress report under Order No. 4162. This is its third semi-annual report.

## **Regulatory Developments**

On August 21, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") approved Fourchon LNG's request to initiate the FERC's National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") pre-filing review of the Fourchon LNG's project. The pre-filing review process has continued since then. During the last six months, the work on the FERC pre-filing process has included, among other things:

 On December 27, 2018, Fourchon LNG filed the following Resource Reports with the Commission: Revised Resource Report 1: General Project Description

Revised Resource Report 4: Cultural Resources
 Revised Resource Report 5: Socioeconomics

Resource Report 7: Soils

Resource Report 8: Land Use, Recreation and Aesthetics

- Fourchon LNG continues preparing the additional required resource reports; significant
  portions of those reports are either completed or well underway and should be submitted
  to the Commission soon;
- During the third week of October 2018, Fourchon LNG held meetings with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to discuss the application process and to identify issues to address.
- Also during the third week of October, Fourchon LNG met with high level Louisiana elected officials to discuss the project, and received encouragement and support for the project from those officials.
- As part of its field survey work, the key task of completing borehole drillings for geotechnical investigations was completed in October 2018; and
- Following Fourchon LNG's submission of the wetland delineation report for the project to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on October 24, 2018, the Corps issued a jurisdictional determination for the project site. Fourchon LNG has now commissioned design of the wetland mitigation plan/Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Plan, which will be submitted soon with Resource Report 2.
- On February 21, 2019, Fourchon LNG met with both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Office of Coastal Management. The agenda included:
  - o Introduction to the Project and discussion of the proposed action:
  - Contents of a complete application and logistics of filing/review:
  - Mitigation requirements and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (BUDM); and
  - o Comparison of OCM Wetland Value Assessment (WVA) to USACE method.

## **Anticipated Next Steps**

Fourchon LNG continues to make significant progress on the FERC pre-filing process; it expects that it will be able to conclude the pre-filing process and to file its Section 3 application with FERC in the fourth quarter of 2019, with FERC issuing its final Environmental Impact Statement in late 2020, and that the FERC Order authorizing the project will follow shortly thereafter. Subject to the receipt of the required approvals, Fourchon hopes to commence construction of the first phase of an expected multi-phase project by the end of 2020 or early 2021.

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Fourchon LNG believes that the foregoing summary provides the detail required under paragraph J of Order 4162 regarding the project status. However, please contact the undersigned if any additional information is needed at this time.

Sincerely,

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