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Attention: Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC  
FE Docket No. 16-28-LNG  
Order No. 3866, Order Condition J – Semi-annual Status 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 status report in compliance with ordering paragraph J of Order No. 3866 issued in FE Docket No. 16-28-LNG on July 21, 2016. The 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 on the west bank of the Mississippi River 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:**

- Plaquemines LNG and its pipeline affiliate, Venture Global Gator Express, LLC, (together referred to as “Applicants”) submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) its formal application for the Project on February 28, 2017 (the “Application”). Progress continues in the FERC proceedings, which are pending in FERC Docket Nos. CP17-66-000 and CP17-67-000.
- On November 13, 2018, FERC Staff issued the draft Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) for the Project, along with a public notice requesting comments on the draft EIS by January 7, 2019. A public meeting concerning the Draft EIS was held by FERC Staff in Belle Chasse,

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Louisiana on December 11, 2018, and a transcript of that meeting is available in the FERC docket. Applicants submitted to FERC their comments on the draft EIS on January 7, 2019, and updates to those comments on January 17 and January 31, 2019. Also on January 31, 2019, Applicants filed with FERC their response to the comments of others on the draft EIS.

- According to the schedule previously issued by FERC, the final EIS for the Project is scheduled to be issued by May 3, 2019, making the Federal Authorization Decision Deadline August 1, 2019.
- Applicants continue to submit supplemental information and updates to FERC regarding the Project. Since the previous, semi-annual report with DOE/FE, Applicants filed responses to FERC Staff Engineering Information Requests on October 11, October 15, October 16, October 30, and December 28, 2018. In addition, Applicants responded to FERC Staff Environmental Information Requests on October 12, 2018, and February 19, March 14, and March 22, 2019.
- Applicants have also been providing information to the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) of the Department of Transportation regarding evaluation of the Project’s compliance with the siting requirements in Part 193, Subpart B, of Title 49. Supplemental information that the Applicants have provided to PHMSA was submitted in the FERC docket on March 5, March 7, March 12, March 13, and March 14, 2019.

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

- Plaquemines LNG currently anticipates that, following the completion of the FERC and DOE approval process, it will commence operation of Phase 1 in late 2022, and operation of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 in late 2023.

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

- Plaquemines LNG entered into its first long-term LNG Sales and Purchase Agreement, with POLSKIE GÓRNICTWO NAFTOWE I GAZOWNICTWO SPÓŁKA AKCYJNA, as of September 28, 2018. Plaquemines LNG submitted to DOE/FE a full and non-redacted copy of this agreement under seal, along with a public summary of the material terms of the agreement, on October 26, 2018.
- Plaquemines LNG continues to negotiate LNG 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 authorization.

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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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