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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Fossil Energy
Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
P.O. Box 44375
Washington, D.C. 20026-4375
Attention: Ms. Larine Moore, Docket Room FE-34

**Re: Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.
ECA Large-Scale Project
DOE/FE Order No. 4318
FE Docket No. 18-145-LNG
Semi-Annual Report**

Dear Ms. Moore,

On January 25, 2019, in DOE/FE Order No. 4318, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, granted to Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V. (“ECA”) a long-term, multi-contract authorization to export natural gas to Mexico and to re-export liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) from its proposed ECA Large-Scale Project to nations that have free trade agreements with the United States requiring national treatment in the trade of natural gas. One of the conditions of that authorization is that ECA file semi-annual written reports (on or before April 1 and October 1 of each year) describing the progress of the planned ECA Large-Scale Project. ECA hereby submits the semi-annual report covering the period October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

As noted in the document ECA submitted to the DOE/FE in the captioned docket on February 13, 2019 entitled “Project Update – Information Regarding Permitting Developments” ECA now has in place all necessary key federal Mexican environmental authorizations to construct and operate the liquefaction terminal facilities for the ECA Large-Scale Project. ECA is currently awaiting an order from the DOE/FE regarding the portion of its application to re-export LNG to Non-FTA countries.

In addition, ECA has continued to progress permitting, commercial and marketing activities. Based on the anticipated timing of receipt of necessary authorizations and the

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current project schedule, ECA estimates that it will begin exports from the ECA Large Scale Project in 2025.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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