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## By Electronic Mail

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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 semiannual progress report describing the progress of the natural gas liquefaction facilities being developed by Fourchon LNG at Port Fourchon, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana (the "Project").

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 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 March 30, 2020, Fourchon LNG submitted its fifth semi-annual progress report under Order No. 4162. This is its sixth 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:

 Resource Reports 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12: These reports were filed in previous periods, and Fourchon LNG has received comments on them from FERC. Fourchon LNG is working with its consultants to address these comments. All Reports are under

- revision and will be based on the updated layout that was issued by FERC during the reporting period.
- Resource Report 9: Fourchon LNG is planning to submit a first draft soon, incorporating the results of the air modeling calculations.
- Resource Report 11: the framework of this Report has been completed, and it will be submitted in draft after hazard analyses are available.
- Resource Report 13: the first draft of this Resource Report and Annexes were completed during the reporting period. Internal reviews from several parties have been performed. Only a few Annexes still are undergoing appraisal before an upcoming submission.
- Fourchon LNG has continued to work with the Greater Lafourche Port Commission.
- Fourchon LNG is putting together the necessary documentation to follow up with these agencies: NMFS, LDWF, SHPO, NRCS and USFWS. This will happen after a planned filing of Resource Reports with the FERC.

## **Anticipated Next Steps**

In short, Fourchon LNG has continued to put together the various parts of the required documentation for submission, and it will be ready in the near term to complete and submit all Draft Reports to the FERC. Furthermore, it expects that it will be able to conclude the FERC pre-filing process and file its Section 3 application with FERC by June 30, 2021. As a result, it anticipates that FERC will issue its final Environmental Impact Statement by the end of 2021 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 in the first half of 2022.

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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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