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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 Nos. 4318, 4365 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 ("DOE/FE"), 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 reexport 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 ("FTA countries"). On March 29, 2019, in DOE/FE Order No. 4365, the DOE/FE granted to ECA a long-term, multi-contract authorization to export natural gas to Mexico and to re-export LNG from the ECA Large-Scale Project to Non-FTA countries. On December 10, 2020, in DOE/FE Order Nos. 4318-A and 4365-A, the DOE/FE granted to ECA an extension of the export term for authorizations to free trade agreement and non-free trade agreement nations through December 31. 2050. One of the conditions of the DOE/FE's authorizations 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, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V. Semi-Annual Report FE Docket No. 18-145-LNG

ECA now has in place all necessary key federal Mexican environmental authorizations to construct the liquefaction terminal facilities for the ECA Large-Scale Project. In addition, ECA has continued to progress permitting to increase the volumes authorized, as well as commercial and marketing activities.<sup>1</sup> Based on the anticipated timing of receipt of necessary authorizations and the current project schedule, ECA estimates that it will begin exports from the ECA Large Scale Project as soon as 2028-2029.<sup>2</sup>

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On September 18, 2020, ECA submitted an application with the DOE/FE in FE Docket No. 18-145-LNG requesting authorization to export and re-export the equivalent of an additional 3.3 million tonnes per annum of LNG from the Large-Scale Project to FTA and Non-FTA countries. That proceeding is pending before the DOE/FE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On September 18, 2020, ECA filed applications with the DOE/FE to amend its FTA and Non-FTA authorizations to increase the volumes authorized under the previous orders issued to ECA.