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> Re: Epcilon LNG LLC DOE/FE Order No. 4629 FE Docket No. 20-31-LNG Semi-Annual Report: April 2021

Dear Ms. Moore:

On December 8, 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") issued Order No. 4629 granting Epcilon LNG LLC ("Epcilon") a long-term authorization to export natural gas to Mexico for liquefaction and re-export such natural gas as liquefied natural gas ("LNG"), from Mexico to nations with which the United States has ("FTA"), and does *not* have ("NFTA"), free trade agreements requiring national treatment in trade of natural gas. The FTA and NFTA authorizations require Epcilon to file semi-annual reports, on or before April 1 and October 1 in each year, describing the following: (1) the status of the project's LNG facility ("the LNG Facility"), (2) the date the LNG Facility is expected to commence first exports of LNG, (3) the status of the long-term contracts associated with (a) exporting LNG from U.S.-sourced natural gas and (b) any long-term natural gas supply contracts for the LNG Facility. Epcilon hereby submits its semi-annual report covering the period December 8, 2020 through April 1, 2021.

Epcilon is finalizing its permit applications for the LNG Facility, which will be submitted to the following Mexican governmental authorities: the liquefaction permit (to the Mexican Comisión Reguladora de Energía ("CRE")), the LNG storage permit (to the CRE), and the LNG export permit (to the Mexican Secretaría de Energía ("SENER")). The LNG Facility is expected to begin exporting LNG by October 1, 2024. The following major project milestones have been completed to date: (1) siting survey and site selection process, (2) feasibility study, (3) geotechnical investigations, (4) preliminary geophysical survey, (5) Bathymetry survey, (6) liquefaction technology selection process, (7) navigation studies, (8) O&M partner selection process, (9) EPC contractor selection process, and (10) fabrication yard prequalification process. Epcilon is in preliminary negotiations with counterparties with respect to long-term agreements to effect the sale and export of LNG, and long-term natural gas supply agreements for the LNG Facility. Epcilon LNG LLC DOE/FE Docket No. 20-31-LNG Semi-Annual Report: April 2021 Page 2

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 469-6146 or nicolas.mctyre@tklaw.com.

Sincerely,

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