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Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management  
Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
P.O. Box 44375  
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Attention: Ms. Natalie Wood, 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. Wood,

On January 25, 2019, in DOE/FE Order No. 4318, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (“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 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 (“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. On June 11, 2021, in DOE/FE Order No. 4318-B, the DOE/FE granted to ECA a long-term, multi-contract authorization to export additional volumes of natural gas to Mexico and to re-export LNG from ECA Large-Scale Project to FTA countries. 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)

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describing the progress of the planned ECA Large-Scale Project. ECA hereby submits the semi-annual report covering the period October 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022.

ECA has continued to progress permitting to increase the volume of the ECA Large-Scale Project, in line with the application to amend the authorization to export natural gas that filed with the DOE/FE on September 18, 2020, to seek authorization by the regulatory agencies in Mexico, as well as commercial and marketing activities for the beginning of exports. Based on the anticipated timing of receipt of these authorizations, ECA estimates that it could begin exports from the ECA Large Scale Project as soon as 2028-2029.<sup>1</sup>

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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*On Behalf of Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V.*

cc: Benjamin Nussdorf

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<sup>1</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. The Non-FTA proceeding is pending before the DOE/FE.