

October 1, 2022

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

> Re: Energía Costa Azul, S. de R.L. de C.V. *ECA Large-Scale Project* DOE/FECM Order Nos. 4318, 4365 FE Docket No. 18-145-LNG Semi-Annual Report

Dear Ms. Wood,

On January 25, 2019, in DOE/FECM Order No. 4318, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management ("DOE/FECM"), 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/FECM Order No. 4365, the DOE/FECM 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/FECM Order Nos. 4318-A and 4365-A, the DOE/FECM 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/FECM Order No. 4318-B, the DOE/FECM granted to ECA a longterm, 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. On July 12, 2022, the DOE/FECM issued a Notice of Environmental Assessment. One of the conditions of the DOE/FECM's authorizations is that ECA file semi-annual written reports (on or before April

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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 April 1, 2022, through September 30, 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/FECM 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 2028-2029.¹

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ On September 18, 2020, ECA filed applications with the DOE/FECM 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/FECM.