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Re: In the Matter of Cheniere Marketing, LLC & Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC FE Docket Nos. 12-97-LNG & 12-99-LNG DOE/FE Order Nos. 3638, 3164 and 3164-A Long-Term Supply Contract

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

On October 16, 2012, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") issued an Order granting Cheniere Marketing, LLC's ("CMI") request under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act ("NGA")¹ for long-term, multi-contract authorization to export up to the equivalent of 767 billion cubic feet ("Bcf") per year of liquefied natural gas ("LNG") from the Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project in Corpus Christi, Texas ("Liquefaction Project") to nations with which the United States has entered, or in the future enters, into a free trade agreement ("FTA") requiring the national treatment for trade in natural gas.² On October 29, 2014, DOE/FE issued Order No. 3164-A authorizing the addition of Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC ("CCL") as an authorization holder under DOE/FE Order No. 3164.³

On May 12, 2015, DOE/FE issued a Final Opinion and Order granting CMI and CCL's application under NGA Section 3 for long-term, multi-contract authorization to export up to the equivalent of 767 Bcf per year of LNG from the Liquefaction Project to nations with which the United States has not entered into an FTA requiring the national treatment for trade in natural gas.⁴

In DOE/FE Order Nos. 3638 & 3164, DOE/FE directed CMI and CCL to file with DOE/FE's Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities all executed "long-term contracts associated with the long-

¹ 15 U.S.C. § 717b (2012).

Cheniere Marketing, LLC, DOE/FE Order No. 3164, Ordering Paragraph D, FE Docket No. 12-99-LNG (Oct. 16, 2012).

³ Cheniere Marketing, LLC, DOE/FE Order Nos. 3538 and 3164-A, FE Docket Nos. 12-97-LNG and 12-99-LNG (Oct. 29, 2014).

Cheniere Marketing, LLC & Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC, DOE/FE Order No. 3638, FE Docket No. 12-97-LNG (May 12, 2015).

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term supply"⁵ of natural gas to the Liquefaction Project. In this regard, DOE/FE has given CMI and CCL the option to file long-term contracts under seal along with a public summary of the major provisions of the contracts.⁶

On March 23, 2018 CCL filed with DOE/FE the North American Energy Standards Board ("NAESB") Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas ("Base Contract") with Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc, as well as the associated Transaction Confirmation #1. Pursuant to the terms of the NAESB Base Contract, the associated Transaction Confirmation #2 ("Confirmation #2") documents an additional transaction whereby the seller agrees to sell to CCL a fixed quantity of natural gas on a firm, long-term basis. CCL intends to liquefy the natural gas secured under Confirmation #2 for export from the Liquefaction Project, pursuant to the authorizations granted in the above-referenced proceedings.

Confirmation #2 contains commercially sensitive information, and is being filed under seal.⁷ CCL respectfully requests that Confirmation #2 be granted privileged and confidential treatment. A summary of the major provisions that are not deemed confidential is set forth in Appendix A hereto.

Should you have any questions about this filing, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (212) 506-3710.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁵ Id. at 216; DOE/FE Order No. 3164 at 7.

⁶ *Id.* at 8.

Confirmation #2 has been sent to DOE/FE by overnight mail.

Appendix A

Summary of Major Provisions of Natural Gas Supply Contract

BASE CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS AND TRANSACTION CONFIRMATIONS BETWEEN CORPUS CHRISTI LIQUEFACTION, LLC AND PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

1. DOE Order/FE Docket No(s):

DOE Order Nos. 3638, 3164, & 3164-A. FE Docket Nos. 12-97-LNG & 12-99-LNG.

2 Exact Legal Name of Parties/Counterparties to Contract:

Seller: Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. ("Pioneer").

Buyer: Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC ("CCL").1

3. Contract Type (e.g. Purchase and Sale Agreement; Liquefaction Tolling Agreement, etc.):

NAESB Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and Transaction Confirmations.

4. Date of the Contract:

NAESB Base Contract: June 1, 2015. Confirmation #1: November 10, 2017. Confirmation #2: May 22, 2018.

¹ There is no corporate affiliation between CCL and Pioneer.