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RE: Administrative Notice of Expiration of Small-Scale Authorization
Nopetro LNG, LLC, Docket No. 20-167-LNG

Dear Ms. Gosain:

On March 23, 2021, in DOE/FE Order No. 4671 (Order), the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM)¹ granted a consolidated long-term authorization to Nopetro LNG, LLC (Nopetro). Under that Order, DOE authorized Nopetro to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 51.75 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas, pursuant to section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and DOE's regulations for small-scale exports of natural gas to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries), from 27 natural gas liquefaction facilities (Facilities) listed in Nopetro's Application. DOE also authorized Nopetro to export LNG from the Facilities to FTA countries on a long-term basis pursuant to NGA section 3(c). In Ordering Paragraph C of the Order, DOE required Nopetro to commence the authorized small-scale export operations using the Facilities no later than two years from the date of issuance of the Order—by March 23, 2023.

DOE takes administrative notice that Nopetro has not yet commenced exports and therefore not complied with Ordering Paragraph C of the Order. Therefore, the small-scale authorization portion of the Order for exports to non-FTA countries has expired. Nopetro's long-term authorization to export LNG to FTA countries, also granted in the Order, remains in effect.

Sincerely,

Amy Sweeney
Director, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement
Office of Resource Sustainability

¹ The Office of Fossil Energy changed its name to the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management on July 4, 2021.