

RECEIVED

By Docket Room at 3:45 pm, Mar 31, 2023



March 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Energy and Carbon Management
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: Vista Pacifico LNG, S.A.P.I. de C.V.
VPLNG Mid-Scale Project
DOE/FECM Order No. 4688
FE Docket No. 20-153-LNG
Semi-Annual Report**

Dear Ms. Wood,

On April 9, 2021, in DOE/FECM Order No. 4688, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (“DOE/FECM”), granted to Vista Pacifico LNG, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (“Vista Pacifico”) a long-term, multi-contract authorization to export natural gas to Mexico and to re-export liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) from its proposed VPLNG Mid-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 December 20, 2022, in DOE/FECM Order No. 4929, the DOE/FECM, granted to Vista Pacifico a long-term, multi-contract authorization to export natural gas to Mexico and re-export LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement Nations. One of the conditions of the DOE/FECM’s authorizations is that Vista Pacifico file semi-annual written reports (on or before April 1 and October 1 of each year) describing the progress of the planned VPLNG Mid-Scale Project. Vista Pacifico hereby submits the semi-annual report covering the period October 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023.

Vista Pacifico has continued to progress gas supply, permitting, commercial and marketing activities. On March 31, 2022, Sempra Infrastructure announced that it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TotalEnergies, which contemplates TotalEnergies potentially contracting for approximately one-third of the long-term export production of the VPLNG Mid-Scale Project, as well as TotalEnergies’ potential participation as a minority equity investor in the VPLNG Mid-Scale Project. Currently, VPLNG’s parent company,

Sempra Infrastructure, is in discussions with Mexico’s Federal Electricity Commission (“CFE”) for the development of important proposed projects, including the VPLNG Mid-Scale Project. Among other things, the development of the projects covered by these discussions would allow CFE to optimize excess natural gas and pipeline capacity from Texas to Topolobampo in order to increase its natural gas supply to its power plants in the State of Baja California Sur, to advance President Andrés Manuel López Obrador’s commitment to supply the state with low-cost electricity and lower-emission fuels, and to promote economic growth and development of the region, with a view toward strengthening CFE’s position in global LNG markets. Vista Pacifico is also diligently working with the federal authorities to permit the liquefaction facility in Mexico and initiated in early 2023 some conceptual engineering studies. Based on the anticipated timing of receipt of necessary authorizations and the current project schedule, Vista Pacifico estimates that it will begin exports from the VPLNG Mid-Scale Project as soon as 2028.

Vista Pacifico notes that its parent company is a founding partner of GTI Energy’s Veritas program, which has developed a standardized, science-based, technology neutral, measurement-informed approach to calculating and reporting methane emissions, consistent with the Department of Energy’s vision for a methane measurement framework.¹

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jerrod L. Harrison
Jerrod L. Harrison
Sempra LNG, LLC
488 8th Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 696-2987
jharrison@sempraglobal.com

On Behalf of Vista Pacifico LNG, S.A.P.I. de C.V.

¹ See <https://www.gti.energy/veritas-a-gti-methane-emissions-measurement-and-verification-initiative/>