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Attention: Natural Gas Reports

**Re: Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC
DOE/FE Order No. 3147, FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG
DOE/FE Order No. 3978, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG
Golden Pass LNG Export Project
Semi-Annual Report – October 1, 2023**

To: Office of Regulation and International Engagement

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph J of DOE/FE Order No. 3147 issued September 27, 2012, and Ordering Paragraph O of DOE/FE Order No. 3978 issued April 25, 2017 Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (“GPLNG”) submits its semi-annual report describing the progress of the GPLNG Export Project at the Golden Pass LNG Terminal due October 1, 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cecil Ogden at cecil.ogden@goldenpasslng.com or 713-324-6770.

Respectfully submitted,

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Background of the Golden Pass Export Project

On July 7, 2014, Golden Pass Products LLC (“GPP”) and Golden Pass Pipeline LLC (“GPPL”) (collectively “Golden Pass”) filed formal applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or “Commission”) under Section 3 and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000, respectively, to construct and operate LNG export facilities near Sabine Pass, Texas. On December 21, 2016, the FERC issued an order authorizing Golden Pass’s applications in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000 (“December 21 Order”). The December 21 Order is subject to 83 environmental conditions as explained in Appendix A of the order. No parties filed for rehearing of this order. On July 29, 2022, FERC issued an Order amending Golden Pass LNG’s, 2016 Authorization Order to allow increased construction workforce, bussing, and work week/hour limits from those originally authorized for construction of the Golden Pass LNG terminal.

FAA issued a new Determinations of No Hazard to Air Navigation on May 10, 2022 for 12 exhaust stacks at the Golden Pass Export Project site. Golden Pass submitted Notices of Construction Installation to FAA for 6 of these stacks in 2023. The FAA Determinations of No Hazard to Air Navigation for the initial 6 stacks will expire on November 10, 2023, and a request for extension of the Determinations will be made for those stacks in October.

Effective June 18, 2019, GPP was merged with and into Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (“GPLNG”). Pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”), 15 U.S.C. § 717b(a), and Part 590 of the Regulations of the Department of Energy/Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”), GPP and GPLNG submitted a Statement of Change in Control seeking authorization to restructure ownership of the corporate entity authorized to engage in the exportation from and importation to the United States of liquefied natural gas (“LNG”). As a result of the restructuring, certain authorizations currently held by GPP to export LNG from the United States have been assigned or transferred by merger to GPLNG.

On May 21, 2020, GPLNG filed an application under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and in accordance with Part 153 of the Commission’s regulations to amend its authorization to increase the total LNG production capacity at its three trains to 18.1 mtpa. On January 19, 2021, the Commission granted the requested authorization.

Application to Increase Level of Authorized Export Quantities under FE12-103-LNG

On April 27, 2022, the Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”) issued Order No. 3978-E amending Golden Pass LNG’s existing long-term authorization to export LNG to non-free trade countries by vessel from the Golden Pass LNG Terminal by increasing GPLNG’s approved export volume from the equivalent of 808 to 937 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas. Sierra Club submitted a

request for rehearing of the order on May 27, 2022. Golden Pass LNG filed an Answer to Sierra Club's Request for Rehearing. On June 24, 2022, the DOE/FE issued Order No. 3978-F dismissing Sierra Club's Request for Rehearing in its entirety. On August 22, 2022, Sierra Club filed a petition for Review of the DOE Orders 3978-E and 3978-F. Oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia are scheduled for October 17, 2023.

Date GPLNG Export Project is Expected to be Operational

On October 28, 2019, GPLNG filed with the DOE/FE a "Request for Extension of Commencement Deadlines. The DOE/FE granted the requested extension on March 24, 2020. The amended orders authorize GPLNG to commence commercial export operations no later than September 30, 2025. Subject to final shareholder approvals, GPLNG anticipates commencing start-up operations and commissioning of train 1 in late 2024 and declaring commercial operations pursuant to its two Amended and Restated Sales and Purchase Agreements in early 2025.

Construction Progress of LNG Trains

Golden Pass has continued to carry out site wide construction activities, such as pneumatic testing and progressing the installation of steel and pipe, predominantly in Trains 1, 2 and 3. Major concrete foundation activities remain in Train 3 and area paving is still being completed site wide. Golden Pass has continued to set process vessels on respective foundations and construction of permanent buildings. The project continues to utilize support laydown facilities and follow COVID-19 Response Plan, aligned with local, state, and federal guidelines.

Golden Pass continues to monitor status of wetland restoration in the JD Murphree Wildlife Management area under Golden Pass' Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan.

Status of Long-Term Gas Supply Contracts

Since the last Semi - Annual Report, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (GPLNG) has signed no additional long-term natural gas sale and purchase agreement supply contracts.

Status of Long-Term LNG Export Contracts

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