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**Re: In the Matter of NFE Altamira FLNG, S. de R.L. de C.V.  
Docket No. 22-110-LNG  
DOE/FECM Order No. 4960  
Semi-Annual Report**

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 3, 2023, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (“DOE/FECM”) issued NFE Altamira FLNG, S. de R.L. de C.V. (“NFE Altamira”) an Order Granting Long-Term Authorization to Export Natural Gas to Mexico and to Other Free Trade Agreement Nations (“Order No. 4960”). Order No. 4960 authorized NFE Altamira to export U.S.-sourced natural gas by pipeline from the United States to Mexico and, after liquefaction in Mexico, to re-export the U.S.-sourced natural gas in the form of liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) by vessel from a floating liquefaction and export terminal proposed by NFE Altamira’s affiliate, Mexico FLNG S. de R.L. de C.V., off the coast of Altamira Tamaulipas, Mexico (“Project”). Condition J of Order No. 4960 requires that NFE Altamira file semi-annual reports (on or before April 1 and October 1 of each year) on the status of the Project. NFE Altamira hereby submits this semi-annual report covering the period April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

**(i) Status of Permits Required Under Mexican State and Federal Laws for the Siting, Construction and Operation of the Project and for Re-export of LNG**

The Project has obtained substantially all required material regulatory permits for the construction, installation and operation of the Project and for the export of natural gas from FLNG 1, the first stage of the Project to be commissioned and placed in-service. On June 16, 2023, NFE Altamira provided DOE/FECM an update of significant Mexican approvals and permits recently received by NFE’s affiliates from the Mexican regulatory authorities. The Project has received a number of additional material permits, including (i) on June 14, 2023, its Social Impact Permits in respect of the proposed liquefaction, power generation and storage activities from Secretaría de Energía, (ii) on July 6, 2023, its Gas Transport Permit from Comisión Reguladora de Energía, the Energy Regulatory Commission, authorizing the transport of natural gas to the Project, (iii) on August 1,



2023, a concession from Comisión Nacional del Agua, the National Water Commission, for the Project to use ocean surface waters offshore Altamira, Mexico, and (iv) on August 31, 2023, authorization to store liquefied natural gas from Agencia Nacional de Seguridad Industrial y de Protección al Medio Ambiente del Sector Hidrocarburos (“ASEA”), the National Agency of Industrial Safety and Environmental Protection for the Hydrocarbon Industry, which is the agency with sole responsibility for industrial safety in the hydrocarbons sector.

**(ii) The Date the Project is Expected to be Operational**

The Project is anticipated to commence commissioning activities in **October 2023** and to be operational in **November 2023**.

**(iii) The Status of Any Associated Long-term Supply and Re-export Contracts**

Pursuant to Condition D of Order No. 4960, on April 17, 2023, NFE Altamira filed with DOE/FECM a non-redacted copy of a Long-Term LNG Sale and Delivery Agreement under seal, and a public summary of the major provisions, and a non-redacted copy of a Long-Term Firm Natural Gas Supply Contract under seal, and a public summary of the major provisions.

**(iv) Additional Information**

Each of the utilities and gas treatment rigs has sailed from Texas, USA and arrived on location off the coast of Altamira, Mexico. The third and final liquefaction rig recently departed the construction site in Ingleside, Texas, and is expected to arrive on location offshore Altamira, Mexico at the start of October. Following the arrival of the third rig, work will commence to link the three rigs together and to receive first gas to begin the process of commissioning the Project.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (212) 506-3710.

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