

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

VIRTUAL PIPELINE VENTURES, LLC

DOCKET NO. 23-91-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO CANADA AND MEXICO BY TRUCK

DOE/FECM ORDER NO. 5045

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On August 30, 2023, Virtual Pipeline Ventures, LLC (Virtual Pipeline Ventures) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) of the Department of Energy (DOE) requesting blanket authorization under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for the authority summarized in the list below. The applicant requests the authorization for a two-year term beginning on September 27, 2023. Virtual Pipeline Ventures is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

1. Export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Canada by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories
2. Export LNG to Mexico by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories

Export authority was requested for up to a combined total volume equivalent to 6 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas.

1. Authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. § 717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FECM in Redelegation Order No. S4-DEL-FE1-2023, issued on April 10, 2023.

2. 15 U.S.C. § 717b(c).

3. *Id.*

II. **FINDING**

DOE has evaluated the application to determine if the proposed import and/or export arrangements meet the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under NGA section 3(c), imports and exports of natural gas, including LNG, from or to any country with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest.² DOE must grant such applications without modification or delay.³ The authorization sought by Virtual Pipeline Ventures meets the NGA section 3(c) criteria and, therefore, is deemed to be consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3(c) of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. Virtual Pipeline Ventures is authorized for the activity described in the list below. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on September 27, 2023, and extending through September 26, 2025.

1. Export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Canada by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories
2. Export LNG to Mexico by truck from any LNG departure facility in the United States and its territories

The applicant is authorized to export up to a combined total volume equivalent to 6 Bcf of natural gas.

B. Monthly Reports: With respect to the imports and/or exports authorized by this Order, Virtual Pipeline Ventures shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report on Form FE-746R indicating whether imports and/or exports have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports and/or exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports and/or exports have occurred, the report must provide the information specified for each applicable activity and mode of transportation, as set forth in the Guidelines for Filing Monthly Reports. These Guidelines are available at: <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/guidelines-filing-monthly-reports>.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

C. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than October 30, 2023, and should cover the reporting period from September 27, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on September 27, 2023.

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