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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

2024 LNG Export Study: Energy, Economic, and Environmental Assessment of U.S. LNG Exports; Extension of Comment Period

Venture Global Calcasieu Pass, LLC	[Docket No. 13-69-LNG, 14-88-LNG, & 15-25-LNG]
Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC	[Docket No. 16-28-LNG]
Commonwealth LNG, LLC	[Docket No. 19-134-LNG]
Port Arthur LNG Phase II, LLC	[Docket No. 20-23-LNG]
Venture Global CP2 LNG, LLC	[Docket No. 21-131-LNG]
New Fortress Energy Louisiana FLNG LLC	[Docket No. 22-39-LNG]
Mexico Pacific Limited LLC	[Docket No. 22-167-LNG]
Gulfstream LNG Development, LLC	[Docket No. 23-34-LNG]
Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC; CCL Midscale 8-9, LLC; and Cheniere Marketing, LLC	[Docket No. 23-46-LNG]
Lake Charles Exports, LLC	[Docket No. 23-87-LNG]
Southern LNG Company, L.L.C.	[Docket No. 23-109-LNG]
Magnolia LNG, LLC	[Docket No. 23-137-LNG]
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC	[Docket No. 24-27-LNG]
Gato Negro Permitium Dos, S.A.P.I. de C.V.	[Docket No. 24-87-LNG]

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public comment period for its Notice of Availability of the 2024 LNG Export Study and Request for Comments, which was published in the *Federal Register* on December 20, 2024. The published Notice established a 60-day public comment period, from the date of publication through Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The purpose of the 2024 LNG Export Study (Study) is to provide an update to DOE's prior analyses and understanding of how varying levels of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports impact and inform DOE's statutory public interest determination. DOE is extending the

public comment period from 60 days to 90 days. Comments may now be submitted until Thursday, March 20, 2025.

DATES: The comment period announced in the Notice of Availability and Request for Comments, published on December 20, 2024 (89 FR 104132), is extended. Comments are to be filed pursuant to the procedures detailed in the **Public Comment Procedures** section of that *Federal Register* Notice no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, March 20, 2025. DOE will not accept reply comments (*i.e.*, comments responding to the comments of other commenters).

ADDRESSES:

Electronic Filing of Comments Using Online Form (Strongly encouraged):

<https://fossil.energy.gov/app/docketindex/docket/index/30>.

Postal Mail, Hand Delivery, or Private Delivery Services (*e.g.*, FedEx, UPS, *etc.*):

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Due to potential delays in DOE's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, we encourage respondents to submit comments electronically to ensure timely receipt.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 2024, DOE published a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the availability of its 2024 LNG Export Study. The Study is an update to earlier material that DOE used to inform its required public interest determinations, under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, for the export of liquefied natural gas to countries lacking a free trade agreement with the United States. DOE stated that it would accept written comments through February 18, 2025. Within 30 days of publishing the Notice and opening the public comment period, DOE received tens of thousands of filed comments. DOE has considered the benefit to stakeholders in offering additional time to review the Study and provide the input that DOE is seeking. Accordingly, DOE has determined that extending the comment period is appropriate and will accept comments until March 20, 2025. **Consistent with past practice over the previous decade, DOE has issued decisions on pending non-FTA applications during prior updates to our economic and environmental studies evaluating exports of LNG. Therefore, DOE continues to consider pending export applications and may issue decisions on pending applications prior to the close of the extended comment period.**

Signing Authority:

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on January 29, 2025, by Steven E. Winberg, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management, pursuant to delegated authority from the Acting Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This

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Signed in Washington, DC, on January 29, 2025.

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