



## Department of Energy

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*Via Email*

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**RE: Administrative Notice of Expiration of Small-Scale Authorization**  
Otter Industries, LLC., Docket No. 22-123-LNG

Dear Mr. Pollack:

On December 7, 2022, in DOE/FECM Order No. 4926 (Order), the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) granted a consolidated long-term authorization to Otter Industries, LLC. (Otter).<sup>1</sup>

Under that Order, DOE authorized Otter to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a volume equivalent to 51.75 billion cubic feet per year of natural gas, pursuant to section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and DOE's regulations for small-scale exports of natural gas, to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (non-FTA countries). Otter is authorized to export the small-scale volume of natural gas from 36 liquefaction facilities (Facilities) listed in the updated Appendix C provided in the Supplement to Otter's Application. In Ordering Paragraph D, DOE required Otter to commence the authorized small-scale export operations using the Facilities no later than two years from the date of issuance of the Order—*i.e.*, by December 7, 2024. DOE also authorized Otter to export LNG from the Facilities to FTA countries through December 31, 2050, pursuant to NGA section 3(c).

DOE takes administrative notice that Otter has not yet commenced small-scale exports and therefore has not complied with the small-scale requirement of Ordering Paragraph D. Accordingly, the portion of the Order authorizing small-scale exports of natural gas has expired. We emphasize, however, that Order No. 4926 remains in effect as to Otter's authorized exports of LNG to FTA countries.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> See Otter Industries, LLC., Docket No. 22-123-LNG, <https://www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/otter-industries-llc-fecm-docket-no-22-123-lng>.