

## **Department of Energy**

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## Via Email

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## **RE:** Administrative Notice of Expiration of Small-Scale Authorization STXM LLC, Docket No. 22-125-LNG

Dear Mr. Mondragon and Mr. Mielke:

On December 13, 2022, in DOE/FECM Order No. 4928 (Order), the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FECM) granted a consolidated long-term authorization to STXM LLC.<sup>1</sup>

Under that Order, DOE authorized STXM LLC 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). STXM LLC is authorized to export the small-scale volume of natural gas from 17 liquefaction facilities (Facilities) listed in Appendix C of STXM LLC's Application. In Ordering Paragraph D, DOE required STXM LLC 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 13, 2024. DOE also authorized STXM LLC to export LNG from the Facilities to FTA countries through December 31, 2050, pursuant to NGA section 3(c).

DOE takes administrative notice that STXM LLC 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. 4928 remains in effect as to STXM LLC's authorized

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See STXM LLC, Docket No. 22-125-LNG, <u>https://www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/stxm-llc-fecm-docket-no-22-125-lng</u>.

exports of LNG to FTA countries.

Sincerely,

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