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Ms. Amy Sweeney
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Re: Commonwealth LNG, LLC - FE Docket No. 19-134-LNG

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

On October 16, 2019, Commonwealth LNG, LLC (“Commonwealth”) filed an application with the Department of Energy (“DOE”) for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas to nations which have a Free Trade Agreement (“FTA”) with the United States as well as those nations which do not have a Free Trade Agreement (“Non-FTA”) with the United States. The application requested authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) in an amount up to 9.5 million metric tonnes per annum from Commonwealth’s proposed natural gas liquefaction and export facilities to be located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the “Project”). DOE granted Commonwealth’s request for authorization with respect to FTA nations on April 17, 2020.

On September 11, 2020, Commonwealth filed an application to amend the requested export term in its pending application through December 31, 2050, as it relates to exports to Non-FTA nations pursuant to the DOE policy statement “Extending Natural Gas Export Authorizations to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries Through the Year 2050”. This amended application is pending in FE Docket No. 19-134-LNG.

On November 17, 2022, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order granting authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act for the construction of the Project.

Granting authorization to export to Non-FTA nations is a requirement for the successful marketing, funding and construction of any U.S. LNG export project. Given the criticality of the Non-FTA authorization to Commonwealth’s customers, investors and lenders, Commonwealth respectfully requests that DOE promptly grant Commonwealth’s authorization to export LNG to non-FTA nations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Sweeney —

Mr. Varello asked me to forward this letter to you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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