

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY**

In the matter of:

Lake Charles Exports, LLC

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FE Docket No. 16-110-LNG

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE**

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 590.303, the American Petroleum Institute (“API”) files this motion to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support, API states as follows.

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BACKGROUND

On August 15, 2016, Lake Charles Exports, LLC (“LCE”) filed an application with the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”) seeking a long-term multi-contract authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) up to the equivalent of 121 billion cubic feet (“Bcf”) of natural gas per year over a 20-year term to non-Free Trade Agreement (“non-FTA”) countries. LCE seeks this authorization to export natural gas as LNG on its own behalf and as agent for others, commencing on the earlier of the date of first export or

seven years after authorization is granted. LCE proposes to liquefy the natural gas at the existing Lake Charles Terminal located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, for export via ocean-going vessel to any nation that currently has or develops the capacity to import LNG, with which the United States does not have an FTA requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas, and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy. This requested export volume is additive to the 730 Bcf per year that DOE/FE authorized by DOE/FE Order No. 3324-A.

The deadline to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding is January 9, 2016.¹

INTERVENTION

API is a national trade association representing more than 650 member companies involved in all aspects of the oil and natural gas industry in the United States. Our members include owners and operators of LNG import and export facilities in the United States and around the world, as well as owners and operators of LNG vessels, global LNG traders, and manufacturers of essential technology and equipment used all along the LNG value chain. Our members also have extensive experience with the drilling and completion techniques used in shale gas development and in producing America's natural gas resources in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. API thus has a direct and immediate interest in this docket which cannot be adequately protected by any other party. Accordingly, API should be permitted to intervene in this docket with full rights as a party.

¹ 81 Fed. Reg. 79,005 (Nov. 10, 2016).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, API respectfully requests that DOE/FE grant this timely motion to intervene and that API be accorded fully party status in any proceedings held by DOE/FE in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 9, 2017

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this 9th day of January, 2017, serviced copies of the foregoing document filed with the DOE/FE on the designated representatives of all of the parties to this proceeding, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 590.107(a).

Dated: January 9, 2017

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