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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION  
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO MEXICO BY TRUCK,  
AND VACATING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

DOE/FE ORDER NOS. 4656 AND 4378-A

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On January 4, 2021, Solensa S.A. de C.V. (Solensa) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)<sup>1</sup> for blanket authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Mexico by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 1 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term that began on September 30, 2020. Solensa is a Mexico corporation with its principal place of business in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Previously, on April 28, 2019, Solensa was granted authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4378 to export LNG to Mexico by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 0.5 Bcf of natural gas, for a two-year term beginning on June 11, 2019, and extending through June 10, 2021.

On January 4, 2021, Solensa requested that DOE/FE vacate its existing authorization in DOE/FE Order No. 4378, effective September 30, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

## II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed export arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest, and applications for such imports or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought

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<sup>1</sup> The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. §717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-002-04G issued on June 4, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> See Emails from Manuel Ramírez, Gerente de Planeación, Corporación Finestra, to DOE/FE (Jan. 4, 2021 and Jan. 15, 2021).

by Solensa to export LNG by truck to Mexico, a nation with which a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of not greater than two years.

### ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. Solensa is authorized to export LNG to Mexico by truck, in a total volume equivalent to 1 Bcf of natural gas, pursuant to transactions that have terms of not greater than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term that began on September 30, 2020, and extends through September 29, 2022.

B. This LNG may be exported to Mexico by truck from any departure facility in the United States and its territories.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the exports of LNG authorized by this Order, Solensa shall file with the Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether exports of LNG have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of “no activity” for that month must be filed. If exports of LNG by truck have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. departure facility; (2) the country of destination; (3) the point(s) of exit; (4) the name(s) of the supplier(s)/seller(s); (5) the name(s) of the LNG transporter(s); (6) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the price per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the point(s) of exit; (8) the duration of the supply agreement; and (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s). (Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294)

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than February 28, 2021, and should cover the reporting period from September 30, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

E. All monthly report filings on Form FE-746R shall be made to the U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement, according to the methods of submission listed on the Form FE-746R reporting instructions available at <https://www.energy.gov/fe/services/natural-gas-regulation>.

F. Solensa's blanket authorization to export natural gas to Mexico by truck, granted in DOE/FE Order No. 4378 on April 28, 2019, is hereby vacated, effective September 30, 2020.

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