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Attention: fergas@hq.doe.gov

Re: Gulf LNG Liquefaction Company, LLC

DOE Semi-Annual Report No. 12

DOE/FE Order No. 3104 – FE Docket No. 12-47-LNG

To: Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities

On June 15, 2012, the Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") issued an order in Docket No. 12-47-LNG authorizing Gulf LNG Liquefaction Company, LLC ("GLLC") to export domestically produced LNG by vessel from its Gulf LNG Energy, LLC Terminal in Pascagoula, Mississippi up to the equivalent of 547.5 Bcf per year of natural gas for a 25-year term ("FTA Order"). Paragraph (I) of the FTA Order requires that GLLC file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities "information on the progress of the proposed LNG liquefaction project at the Gulf LNG Terminal liquefaction facility, the date the facility is expected to be operational, and the status of the long-term contracts associated with the long-term export of LNG and any long-term supply contracts." GLLC hereby submits this letter to provide the Semi-Annual Report for September 30, 2017 through March 29, 2018.

As reported in GLLC's Semi-Annual Reports No. 7 through No. 11, on June 19, 2015, GLLC and Gulf LNG Energy, LLC completed the pre-filing review process and filed an application pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, requesting authority to construct and operate new natural gas liquefaction and export facilities with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in Docket No. CP15-521-000. GLLC completed the first phase of frontend engineering and design ("FEED") work for its proposed liquefaction project concurrent with its filing of the FERC application discussed above. Since that time, GLLC and GLE have hosted an Interagency Presentation to provide an update on the status of GLLC's Proposed Wetland Mitigation Plan, responded to comments from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and responded to data requests from FERC's staff to further facilitate the review and processing of the application. FERC (through its environmental contractor) is presently engaged in the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DOE/FE, Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Gulf LNG Energy, LLC Terminal to Free Trade Agreement Nations in DOE/FE Docket No. 12-47-LNG (2012).

GLLC continues to pursue commercial agreements supporting the addition of long-term tolling liquefaction service or long-term LNG supply service at the Gulf LNG Terminal. Assuming the requisite commercial agreements can be reached—though they have not been reached to date—GLLC would anticipate placing Phase I and Phase II of the proposed Liquefaction Project in service before the end of 2023 and 2024, respectively. In any event, the Gulf LNG Terminal will also retain its current capability to receive, store, regasify, and deliver natural gas into the interstate pipeline system as originally constructed.

Please let the undersigned know if you have any questions regarding this report.

Very truly yours,

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