

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

LAKE CHARLES LNG EXPORT COMPANY, LLC)
(formerly known as Trunkline LNG Export, LLC))

FE DOCKET NO. 13-04-LNG

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO AMEND
DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3252 AND PENDING APPLICATION
TO REFLECT CORPORATE NAME CHANGE

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3252-A

MARCH 18, 2015

I. BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2013, the entity then-known as Trunkline LNG Export, LLC (TLNG Export) filed an application (Application)¹ with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)² requesting long-term, multi-contract authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) produced from domestic sources in a volume equivalent to approximately 730 billion cubic feet per year (Bcf/yr) of natural gas (2.0 Bcf per day) for a 25-year term. TLNG Export requested authorization to export this LNG by vessel from the Lake Charles LNG Terminal (Lake Charles Terminal), located in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and owned and operated by TLNG Export's affiliate then-known as Trunkline LNG Company, LLC. TLNG Export sought to export the LNG on its own behalf and as agent for other entities to: (1) any country with which the United States currently has, or in the future will 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 (FTA countries), and (2) 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).

On March 7, 2013, DOE/FE issued Order No. 3252, granting the portion of the Application requesting authorization to export LNG to FTA countries.³ The portion of the

¹ Trunkline LNG Export, LLC, Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas, FE Docket No. 13-04-LNG (Jan. 9, 2013). In the Application, TLNG Export stated that it is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

² 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. 00-006.02 issued on November 17, 2014.

³ *Trunkline LNG Export, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3252, FE Docket No. 13-04-LNG, Order Granting Long-Term Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Lake Charles LNG Terminal to Free Trade Agreement Nations (Mar. 7, 2013). TLNG Export explained that, whereas Trunkline LNG Company, LLC owns and operates the Lake Charles Terminal, TLNG Export will own the proposed liquefaction facility and hold the DOE/FE export authorization. *See id.* at 3.

Application requesting authorization to export LNG to non-FTA countries is still pending in the above-captioned docket.

II. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 10, 2014, TLNG Export submitted a letter notifying DOE/FE of a corporate name change. Specifically, on September 19, 2014, TLNG Export amended its Certificate of Formation with the state of Delaware to change its name to “Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC.”⁴ TLNG Export states that this is strictly a name change, and there has been no change in the ownership, control, or corporate structure of the company.⁵

In light of this corporate name change, and pursuant to DOE’s regulations (10 C.F.R. § 590.204), TLNG Export asks DOE/FE to take the following actions: (1) to issue an order amending the named authorization holder in DOE/FE Order No. 3252 to Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC; and (2) to accept its notice as an amendment of the pending non-FTA application naming Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC as the applicant.

Finding good cause for both actions, DOE/FE hereby grants the requests.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. § 717b, it is ordered that:

A. The name of the authorization holder of DOE/FE Order No. 3252 is hereby amended to Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC.

B. The name of the applicant in the Application pending in FE Docket No. 13-04-LNG is hereby amended to Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC.

⁴ Trunkline LNG Company, LLC, the owner and operator of the Lake Charles Terminal, also amended its Certificate of Formation with the state of Delaware to change its name to “Lake Charles LNG Company, LLC.”

⁵ Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC states that it is a separate entity from, and should not be confused with, its affiliate, Lake Charles Exports, LLC. Lake Charles Exports, LLC (LCE) is the authorization holder of DOE/FE Order Nos. 2987 and 3324 (a FTA order and conditional non-FTA order, respectively).

C. All obligations arising under DOE/FE Order No. 3252, and under any future DOE/FE authorization granted in FE Docket No. 13-04-LNG, apply to Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 18, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

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