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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375

Attention: Natural Gas Reports, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities

Re: Status Report on the Progress of the Planned Liquefaction Facility Project

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On September 27, 2012, the Department of Energy/Fossil Energy issued Golden Pass Products LLC ("GPP") DOE/FE Order No. 3147 in the proceeding at FE Docket No. 12-88-LNG granting long-term multi-contract authorization to GPP for the exportation of Liquefied Natural Gas ("LNG"), by vessel from the GPP export terminal facilities, to free trade agreement nations. Ordering paragraph (J) of the September 27, 2012 order requires GPP to file semi-annual status reports on April 1st and October 1st of each year describing the progress of the planned liquefaction facility. In compliance with ordering paragraph (J), GPP is providing the following status report.

GPP and Golden Pass Pipeline LLC ("GPPL"), collectively Golden Pass, have completed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") NEPA Pre-Filing Review Process which was initiated by letter request dated May 16, 2013 and the subject of the proceeding in Docket No. PF13-14-000 for the Golden Pass proposed LNG export project. Subsequently, GPP and GPPL filed applications with the FERC under Section 3 and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000, respectively. These applications contained, among other things, complete environmental resource reports and detailed engineering designs for the construction activities on the pipeline and at the terminal site. The FERC has since issued a notice of these applications and established a date for the filing of interventions

comments and protests.¹ Thereafter, FERC issued data requests in these proceedings and Golden Pass has filed timely and complete responses to all of these data requests.² Additionally, Golden Pass has committed to submitting additional documentation when developed during the detailed design phase of the project.

Golden Pass continues to actively prosecute the approval of these applications before the FERC and will participate with the FERC environmental staff in the preparation of the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Similarly, Golden Pass continues to engage the various federal and state permitting agencies and has filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") its permit application [SWG-2004-02118]; with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") and the Environmental Protection Agency its PSD permit application [air permit PSDTX1386] and on January 16, 2015, received the requisite permit; and with the TCEQ [GHG permit application GHGPSDTX100], which was publicly noticed on December 6, 2014 and e-filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at Docket No. CP14-517-000. In this regard, the TCEQ has issued the final Green House Gas permit to Golden Pass and the final 30-day public notice is anticipated to commence in late March 2015. Golden Pass submitted to the Corps on March 26, 2015 its Wetland Mitigation Plan, together with responses for additional data required by Corps.

Subject to final shareholder approvals, GPP anticipates becoming operational between 2019-20, assuming an expedient conclusion of FERC permitting and a timely award of GPP's NFTA permit. GPP is exploring commercial opportunities, though at present we do not have long-term export and supply contracts to report.

Respectfully submitted, Golden Pass Products LLC

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Eric W. Pletcher President

January 13, 2015.



On July 17, 2014, the FERC issued a Notice of Applications at Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000, setting August 17, 2014 as the last date for interventions, comments, and protests. Sierra Club, the only party that motioned to intervene in these proceedings, also filed a protest of the project.

Golden Pass filed responses to FERC data requests dated August 28, 2014, November 6, 2014 and