UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

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In the Matter of:

SEAONE GULFPORT, LLC

Docket No. 16-22--CGL

MOTION OF SEAONE GULFPORT, LLC FOR OPINION AND ORDER ON APPLICATION

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §§ 590.302 590.316, SeaOne Gulfport, LLC ("SeaOne") moves the Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy ("DOE/FE") to issue, expeditiously and without further delay, a final opinion and order authorizing the requested exports. The Motion is supported by the record in this matter.

SeaOne filed the instant application on September 18, 2015. The record in this proceeding is complete, and there are no material issues outstanding. Of note, there were no interventions or properly filed¹ protests submitted in the docket and the only evidence of record is contained in the Application and the comments timely and properly filed, i.e. those submitted by SeaOne and SIDS DOCK. 10 C.F.R. § 590.316 specifically provides that if no party files a motion for additional procedures, 10 C.F.R. § 590.310 "the Assistant Secretary may issue a final opinion and order on the basis of the official record, including the application and all other filings." No motion for additional procedures has been filed in the referenced Docket. 10 C.F.R. § 590.316 goes on to require that if the Assistant Secretary is going to do anything other than approve the Application as requested, "the Assistant Secretary upon which the denial or material conditions would be based and provide them with an opportunity to request additional procedures pursuant to §§ 590.310, 590.311, 590.312 and

¹ See 10 C.F.R. §§ 590.107 and 590.304.

590.313" (emphasis added). There has been no notification of "issues of concern" from the Assistant Secretary or designee in response to the petition. Thus, the uncontroverted evidence in the record demonstrates that:

- SeaOne previously received authorization to export natural gas contained in CGL to Free Trade Agreement ("FTA") Nations in DOE/FE Order Nos. 3555 and 3555–A.
- 2. SeaOne is not seeking an authorization to export additional natural gas but only the authority to deliver to non-FTA ("NFTA") countries in the service area a portion of the natural gas covered by the current authorization. Therefore, authorization of exports under SeaOne's NFTA application will have no impact on the exports of natural gas or the design or construction of SeaOne's Gulfport facility. Analysis of impacts of the requested authority to ship to NFTA countries is irrelevant and unnecessary.
- 3. The facility will be built and placed into operation pursuant to existing authority, and is economically sustainable whether or not the authorization under consideration here is granted. SeaOne's ability to finance, construct and operate the Gulfport facility is not dependent on authorization to deliver natural gas to NFTA countries, and the planned Gulfport, Mississippi facility will be economically sustainable based solely on its current authority, under existing law and pursuant to DOE/FE Order No. 3555, to deliver the full range of CGL products to FTA countries and U.S. territories and to NFTA countries in the Caribbean for use as vehicular fuels.

CONCLUSION

As noted above, no person has intervened in or protested the proceeding, and no person filed a comment in response to the April 18, 2016 FR Notice objecting or presenting facts in opposition either to the export of CGL, or SeaOne's application or any of the facts stated in the record.² Therefore, SeaOne is the only party to this uncontested proceeding. No additional proceedings have been requested and there is no basis for a determination that additional proceedings are required. DOE/FE should therefore issue a final order and opinion in an expeditious manner, granting the requested authorization. Completion of commissioning and started-up of the Gulfport Facility and related CGL Receiving Terminals is currently scheduled for December 2018. SeaOne requests that DOE/FE grant the requested authorization no later than September 5, 2016 so that SeaOne can complete the necessary arrangements to provide service to NFTA countries in the Caribbean and bordering the Gulf of Mexico when operations are commenced.

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² The only comment filed, which was not properly served or filed, related to the export of liquefied natural gas ("LNG"). CGL is not LNG and the comments therefore have no relevance.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that a copy of this Motion for Opinion and Order has been served all parties to this proceeding consistent with 10 C.F.R. Sec. 590.107.

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