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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[FE Docket No. 16-29-LNG]

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total volume equivalent to 1,600 Bcf of natural gas.[2] CMI is requesting this authorization both on its own behalf and as agent for other parties who will hold title to the LNG at the time of export. The Application was filed under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA). Additional details can be found in CMI's Application, posted on the DOE/FE website at: http://energy.gov/fe/cheniere-marketing-llc-fe-dkt-no-16-29-lng-export-previously-imported-fta. Protests, motions to intervene, notices of intervention, and written comments are invited.

DATES: Protests, motions to intervene or notices of intervention, as applicable, requests for additional procedures, and written comments are to be filed using procedures detailed in the **Public Comment Procedures** section no later than 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beverly Howard or Larine Moore

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[2] *Cheniere Marketing, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3578, FE Docket No. 14-186-NG, Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas from and to Canada and Mexico, to Import Liquefied Natural Gas from Various International Sources by Vessel, and to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Canada and Mexico by Vessel and Truck (Jan. 8, 2015).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DOE/FE Evaluation

The Application will be reviewed pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, as amended, and the authority contained in DOE Delegation Order No. 00-002.00N (July 11, 2013) and DOE Redelegation Order No. 00-006.02 (Nov. 17, 2014). In reviewing this LNG export application, DOE will consider domestic need for the natural gas, as well as any other issues determined to be appropriate, including whether the arrangement is consistent with DOE's policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements. Parties that may oppose this application should comment in their responses on these issues.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*, requires DOE to give appropriate consideration to the environmental effects of its proposed decisions. No final decision will be issued in this proceeding until DOE has met its NEPA responsibilities.

Public Comment Procedures

In response to this Notice, any person may file a protest, comments, or a motion to intervene or notice of intervention, as applicable. Any person wishing to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. The filing of comments or a protest with respect to the Application will not serve to make the commenter or protestant a party to the proceeding, although protests and comments received from persons who are not parties will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken on the Application. All protests, comments, motions to intervene, or notices of intervention must meet the requirements specified by the regulations in 10 CFR Part 590.

Filings may be submitted using one of the following methods: (1) e-mailing the filing to fergas@hq.doe.gov, with FE Docket No. 16-29-LNG in the title line; (2) mailing an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**; or (3) hand delivering an original and three paper copies of the filing to the Office of Regulation and International Engagement at the address listed in **ADDRESSES**. All filings must include a reference to FE Docket No. 16-29-LNG. PLEASE NOTE: If submitting a filing via email, please include all related documents and attachments (e.g., exhibits) in the original email correspondence. Please do not include any active hyperlinks or password protection in any of the documents or attachments related to the filing. All electronic filings submitted to DOE must follow these guidelines to ensure that all documents are filed in a timely manner. Any hardcopy filing submitted greater in length than 50 pages must also include, at the time of the filing, a digital copy on disk of the entire submission.

A decisional record on the Application will be developed through responses to this notice by parties, including the parties' written comments and replies thereto. Additional procedures will be used as necessary to achieve a complete understanding of the facts and issues. If an additional

procedure is scheduled, notice will be provided to all parties. If no party requests additional procedures, a final Opinion and Order may be issued based on the official record, including the Application and responses filed by parties pursuant to this notice, in accordance with 10 CFR 590.316.

The Application is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Regulation and International Engagement docket room, Room 3E-042, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Application and any filed protests, motions to intervene or notice of interventions, and comments will also be available electronically by going to the following DOE/FE Web address: http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/index.html.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on March 21, 2016.

John A. Anderson
Director, Office of Regulation and International Engagement
Office of Oil and Natural Gas

ANALYST: B. Howard
FILE: 16-29 NOA
DATE REC'D: 3/8

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CONCURRENCE:

SUBMIT TO MGR (Initial Review)
INITIALS/DATE BSH 3/11/16
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CORRECTIONS (Analyst resubmit)
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****Co. Clarification/Information Request Date:_____ Receipt Date:_____**

Nussdorf, Benjamin

From: Bernstein, Cassandra
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 12:58 PM
To: Nussdorf, Benjamin; Howard, Beverly
Cc: Sweeney, Amy; Anderson, John; Myers, Edward
Subject: RE: Draft Notice of Application for Cheniere Marketing, LLC (FE Docket No. 16-29-LNG)

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Cheniere Marketing LLC_...

I concur in the draft with the attached edits. I also ran a comparison against the similar FLEX notice of application, since we haven't done of these in awhile. Thanks!

Cass Bernstein
(202) 586-9793

-----Original Message-----
From: Nussdorf, Benjamin
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 2:02 PM
To: Bernstein, Cassandra <Cassandra.Bernstein@Hq.Doe.Gov>
Subject: FW: Draft Notice of Application for Cheniere Marketing, LLC (FE Docket No. 16-29-LNG)

Cass, this is ready for your review. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----
From: Howard, Beverly
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 1:19 PM
To: Nussdorf, Benjamin <Benjamin.Nussdorf@Hq.Doe.Gov>
Subject: Draft Notice of Application for Cheniere Marketing, LLC (FE Docket No. 16-29-LNG)

Hi Ben:

I have attached the draft NOA for Cheniere Marketing, LLC for your review along with its application. I will bring the blue folder hardcopy to your office. Thanks.

Beverly H.