## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GOLDEN PASS LNG TERMINAL LLC	)	FE DOCKET NO. 10-32-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL SOURCES

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2772

MARCH 30, 2010

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On March 24, 2010, Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC (Golden Pass) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for blanket authorization to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) up to the equivalent of 50 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas from various international sources. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. Golden Pass is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Sabine Pass, Texas.

## II. <u>FINDING</u>

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import and export of natural gas, including LNG, from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Golden Pass to import LNG from various international sources meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

<sup>1/15</sup> U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE pursuant to Redelegation Order No. 00.002.04D (November 6, 2007).

## ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

- A. Golden Pass is authorized to import LNG, up to the equivalent of 50 Bcf of natural gas, from various international sources, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on March 30, 2010, and extending through March 29, 2012.
- B. This natural gas may be imported at any LNG receiving facility in the United States and its territories.
- C. LNG imports that require increased security measures from the United States

  Coast Guard (USCG) and/or other branches of the Department of Homeland Security in

  place now or added in the future shall comply with those measures on a shipment by

  shipment basis to the satisfaction of the USCG. Such measures may include periodic

  boarding or examination of the vessel by the USCG at the load port, while the vessel is

  underway, at any time during the voyage, and before and during discharge of the cargo while

  at the discharge port, as well as other enhanced security measures.
- D. Monthly Reports: With respect to the import of LNG authorized by this Order, Golden Pass shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether imports of LNG have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no imports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If imports of LNG have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. receiving terminal; (2) the name of the LNG tanker; (3) the date of arrival at the U.S. receiving terminal; (4) the country of origin; (5) the name of the supplier/seller; (6) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (7) the landed price per million

British thermal units (MMBtu) at the point of import; (8) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot purchases); (9) the name(s) of the purchaser(s); and (10) the geographic market served (list State(s), U.S. Census Region(s), or general U.S. geographic area(s)). [OMB No. 1901-0294]

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than May 30, 2010, and should cover the reporting period from March 30, 2010, through April 30, 2010.

F. All monthly report filings shall be made to 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: Ms. Yvonne Caudillo. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to Ms. Caudillo at <a href="Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov">Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov</a> or <a href="majoregov">ngreports@hq.doe.gov</a>, or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

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