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Ms. Amy Sweeney, Director
Division of Natural Gas Regulation
Office of Regulation and International Engagement
Office of Fossil Energy, FE-34
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. S.W. Room 3E-052
Washington, DC 20585

Re: *Golden Pass Products LLC*, DOE/FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

By this letter, Golden Pass Products, LLC (“GPP”) requests that the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (“DOE/FE”) promptly issue an order denying the pending Request for Rehearing filed by Sierra Club on May 25, 2017, in the referenced proceeding.

Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing asks that the DOE/FE stay and withdraw DOE/FE Order No. 3978, issued April 25, 2017. Order No. 3978 granted GPP a long-term authorization under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. §717b, to export liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) by vessel from facilities near Sabine Pass, Texas, to non-Free Trade Agreement (“NFTA”) countries. Sierra Club was the only party to seek rehearing of Order No. 3978.

Subsequent to Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing in this proceeding, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied four petitions for review filed by Sierra Club to challenge DOE/FE orders authorizing four separate applications for long-term LNG exports to NFTA countries. *Sierra Club v. Department of Energy*, 867 F.3d 189 (D.C.Cir. August 15, 2017)(LNG NFTA exports by Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P., *et al.*) and *Sierra Club v. Department of Energy*, 703 Fed. Appx. 1 (D.C.Cir. November 1, 2017) (unpublished) (on review of three separate DOE/FE orders authorizing LNG NFTA exports by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, Cheniere Marketing, LLC, *et al.*, and Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP). Sierra Club did not file petitions for rehearing of any of these decisions. The court has issued the mandate in each of these proceedings following the expiration of the rehearing periods. The court’s opinions cited above rejected the same challenges presented in Sierra Club’s Request for Rehearing of DOE/FE’s authorization of GPP’s proposed LNG NFTA exports in Order No. 3978.

Moreover, on January 30, 2018, the District of Columbia Circuit granted Sierra Club’s unopposed motion to dismiss voluntarily its petition for review of DOE/FE Order No. 3792 issued March 11, 2016, which authorized Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC to engage in long-term, multi-contract LNG exports in a volume equivalent to approximately 203 billion cubic feet (“Bcf”) per year of natural gas (0.56 Bcf per day) from the Sabine Pass Liquefaction Project facilities in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

The court's holdings in the decisions cited above apply equally to Order No. 3978. These decisions, combined with the voluntary dismissal of Sierra Club's petition for review of Order No. 3792, warrant prompt denial of Sierra Club's Request for Rehearing of Order No. 3978, which has now been pending for almost ten months.

Accordingly, in light of these court decisions subsequent to Order No. 3978, GPP respectfully requests that the DOE/FE promptly issue an order denying the Sierra Club's May 25, 2017 Request for Rehearing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SR', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Sean Ryan, President
Golden Pass Products LLC

cc: All Parties, FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document filed with the DOE/FE on the designated representatives of all of the parties to this proceeding, in accordance with 10 C.F.R. § 590.107(a).

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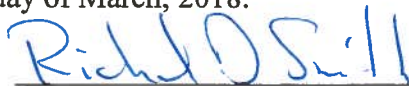
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