UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GULF COAST LNG EXPORT, LLC)))	FE DOCKET NO. 12-05-LNG

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO VACATE LONG-TERM, MULTI-CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT LNG BY VESSEL TO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NATIONS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3163-A

On October 16, 2012, in FE Docket No. 12-05-LNG, the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE/FE) issued DOE/FE Order No. 3163, granting Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC (Gulf Coast LNG) long-term, multi-contract authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from a proposed terminal in Brownsville, Texas, to countries with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (FTA countries). This FTA authorization is for a 25-year term beginning on the date of first export or eight years from the date the authorization was issued (October 16, 2020).

On May 26, 2016, Gulf Coast LNG, by letter, requested DOE/FE vacate DOE/FE Order No. 3163. DOE/FE finds good cause for granting Gulf Coast LNG's request.¹

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, Gulf Coast LNG's authorization granted in DOE/FE Order No. 3163 is hereby vacated.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on June 27, 2016.

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¹ In the same letter, Gulf Coast LNG requested DOE/FE's permission to withdraw its application seeking authorization to export LNG to non-FTA countries, also pending in FE Docket No. 12-05-LNG. Pursuant to DOE regulations, we grant Gulf Coast LNG's request and deem its pending non-FTA application withdrawn, effective on the date of this Order. 10 C.F.R. § 590.204(c).