

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

EXXONMOBIL LNG SUPPLY LLC

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) FE DOCKET NO. 10-159-LNG
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ORDER GRANTING LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FROM QATAR
BY VESSEL

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2898

JANUARY 5, 2011

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On December 16, 2010, ExxonMobil LNG Supply LLC (EMLNG) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE) under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA)¹ for long term authorization to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) up to the equivalent of approximately 406 billion cubic feet (Bcf) per year of natural gas from Qatar by vessel.² The term of the authorization would begin on February 1, 2011, and extend through January 31, 2037. EMLNG is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. EMLNG is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation, a New Jersey corporation with its principal place of business in Irving, Texas.

Pursuant to the terms of a “Sale and Purchase Agreement” (SPA) between EMLNG and Ras Laffan Liquefied Natural Gas Company Limited (3) (RL3), EMLNG will purchase LNG from RL3 for importation into the United States. Upon importation, EMLNG will sell the LNG and the natural gas resulting from vaporization of the LNG to various third parties in the regular course of business. EMLNG anticipates that the point of entry for importation of LNG into the United States will be primarily the LNG import terminal owned and operated by Golden Pass LNG Terminal, LLC (GPLNG), located near the town of Sabine Pass, Texas. However, EMLNG may import LNG to other existing LNG receiving facilities in the United States, as well as LNG terminals that may be constructed in the future. The requested authorization does not involve the construction of new LNG receiving facilities.

¹ / The authority to regulate the imports and exports of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas, under section 3 of the NGA (15 U.S.C. §717b) has been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE in Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04D issued on November 6, 2007.

² / EMLNG will purchase LNG from Ras Laffan Liquefied Natural Gas Company Limited (3) in an amount up to the annual contract quantity of up to approximately 406 Bcf. Application at 3.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and export 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 liquefied natural gas (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 EMLNG to import LNG from Qatar, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that:

A. EMLNG is authorized to import LNG up to the equivalent of approximately 406 Bcf of natural gas from Qatar per year by vessel in accordance with the terms of the SPA with RL3, dated October 31, 2010. The term of this authorization shall be effective beginning on February 1, 2011, and extending through January 31, 2037.

B. EMLNG will receive the gas primarily at the LNG import terminal located at a point near Sabine Pass, Texas. EMLNG may import LNG to other existing LNG receiving facilities in the United States, as well as LNG terminals in the United States that may be constructed in the future.

C. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the LNG imports authorized by this Order, EMLNG 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 of LNG 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: (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 Mcf; (7) the landed price per 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)).

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control No. 1901-0294.)

D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than March 30, 2011, and should cover the reporting period from February 1, 2011, through February 28, 2011.

E. 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 Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov or ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

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