

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

CHENIERE MARKETING, LLC AND)
CORPUS CHRISTI LIQUEFACTION, LLC) FE DOCKET NO. 12-97-LNG
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ANSWER
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION

JULY 14, 2015

On May 12, 2015, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE), issued a final opinion and order to Cheniere Marketing, LLC and Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (collectively, Cheniere Corpus Christi), captioned DOE/FE Order No. 3638, authorizing the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the proposed Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project located near Corpus Christi, Texas, to nations with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas.¹ On June 11, 2015, intervenor-protestor Sierra Club submitted a Request for Rehearing of DOE/FE Order No. 3638. Subsequently, to afford additional time for DOE/FE to consider the matters raised in Sierra Club's Request for Rehearing, DOE/FE granted Sierra Club's Request for the limited purpose of further consideration.

On June 26, 2015, Cheniere Corpus Christi filed a Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer to Sierra Club's Requests for Rehearing and Stay. Pursuant to DOE regulations at 10 C.F.R. § 590.302(c), the Motion for Leave to Answer would be denied by operation of law in the absence of agency action.

In order to afford additional time for DOE/FE to consider the merits of Cheniere Corpus Christi's Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer, Cheniere Corpus Christi's Motion is hereby granted solely for purposes of further consideration. Accordingly, Cheniere Corpus Christi's Motion for Leave to Answer will not be deemed denied by operation of law, and the matters

¹ *Cheniere Marketing, LLC, et al.*, DOE/FE Order No. 3638, FE Docket No. 12-97-LNG, Final Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Proposed Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project to be Located in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (May 12, 2015).

addressed in the Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer will be addressed in a future order.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on July 14, 2015.

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John A. Anderson

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