

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

DOMINION COVE POINT LNG, LP)
_____) FE DOCKET NO. 11-128-LNG
_____)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO ANSWER
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION

JULY 14, 2015

On May 7, 2015, the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE), issued a final opinion and order to Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP (DCP), captioned DOE/FE Order No. 3331-A, authorizing the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from the existing Cove Point LNG Terminal, located near Lusby, Maryland, 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 8, 2015, intervenor-protestor Sierra Club submitted a Request for Rehearing of DOE/FE Order No. 3331-A. 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 22, 2015, DCP filed a Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer to the Motion for Stay and Request for Rehearing Filed by the Sierra Club. 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 DCP's Motion for Leave to Answer and Answer, DCP's Motion is hereby granted solely for purposes of further consideration. Accordingly, DCP's Motion for Leave to Answer will not be deemed denied by operation of law, and the matters 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.



John A. Anderson
Director, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply
Office of Oil and Natural Gas

¹ *Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP*, DOE/FE Order No. 3331-A, FE Docket No. 11-128-LNG, Final Opinion and Order Granting Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas by Vessel from the Cove Point LNG Terminal in Calvert County, Maryland, to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (May 7, 2015).