ORDER AMENDING LONG-TERM AUTHORITY TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 1977-B

On April 19, 2004, the Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA),1/ granted BG LNG Services, LLC (BGLS) authority to import up to the equivalent of 58 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of liquefied natural gas (LNG) over a 17-year term under a LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement Term Sheet with Marathon LNG Marketing LLC (Marathon), dated October 13, 1999, in DOE/FE Order No. 1977 (Order 1977), as amended by DOE/FE Order No. 1977-A (Order 1977-A).2/

1/ 15 U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy pursuant to Redelegation Order No. 00-002.04 (January 8, 2002).

2/ 2 FE ¶ 70,973 (April 19, 2004) and 2 FE ¶ 71,010 (August 16, 2004), respectively.
On December 9, 2005, BGLS notified DOE that an LNG Purchase and Sales Agreement (Agreement) had been executed between BGLS and Marathon. BGLS seeks to further amend Order 1977, as amended, by replacing the Term Sheet upon which BGLS’s authorization was originally granted with the executed Agreement, dated June 3, 2005. The term of the Agreement began on June 3, 2005, and extends through March 31, 2021. Marathon has the option to extend the term up to December 2023 upon at least three years prior written notice to BGLS.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 3 of the Natural Gas Act, it is ordered that DOE/FE Order No. 1977, as amended, is further amended to substitute the LNG Purchase and Sales Agreement Term Sheet with the executed Agreement, dated June 3, 2005. All terms and conditions in Order 1977, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

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