

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

GOVEN NATURAL GAS HOLDINGS, LLC

FE DOCKET NO. 13-122-LNG

ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
TO EXPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, AND NICARAGUA
IN ISO CONTAINERS BY VESSEL

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 3371

DECEMBER 12, 2013

I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On September 16, 2013, Goven Natural Gas Holdings, LLC (Goven) 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 blanket authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) in approved ISO IMO7/TVAC-ASME LNG containers (ISO containers) transported on ocean going vessels, in a volume up to the equivalent of 2 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas.² Goven seeks to export this proposed volume of LNG to the free trade agreement (FTA) nations of Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Goven asks DOE/FE to grant the authorization for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. Goven is a Florida limited liability company with its principal place of business in Miami, Florida.

Goven states that, although it has not yet entered into any contract for the export of LNG, it is currently negotiating with several prospective customers in the requested FTA nations. Goven states that no new facilities will be constructed in the United States in connection with its proposed export of natural gas. Goven states that, within 30 days following the close of each calendar month, it anticipates filing a report with DOE/FE indicating whether exports have occurred, and if so, the details of each transaction. Goven also states that, within two weeks after the date that the first authorized export of domestically produced LNG occurs, it will provide DOE/FE with written notification of the date of first export.

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. 00-002.04F issued on July 11, 2013.

² By email to DOE/FE dated October 17, 2013, counsel for Goven clarified that Goven intends to ship the proposed exports of LNG via ISO containers transported by ship.

II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and/or 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 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 applications for such imports or exports must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by Goven to export LNG to Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua in ISO containers by vessel meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

As a condition of this Order, DOE/FE will require Goven to file monthly reports indicating whether LNG exports have occurred and, if so, the details of each LNG cargo. In light of this requirement, it is unnecessary for Goven to provide written notification of the date of first export within two weeks after the date that the first authorized export of domestically produced LNG occurs.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

A. Goven is authorized to export domestically produced LNG in a volume up to the equivalent of 2 Bcf of natural gas, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two

years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on December 12, 2013, and extending through December 11, 2015.

B. This LNG may be exported in approved ISO containers loaded at any existing LNG production facility in the United States and its territories. This LNG may be exported via ocean-going vessel from any export port or terminal in the United States and its territories capable of exporting LNG in ISO containers by vessel.

C. This LNG may be exported to Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

D. **Monthly Reports:** With respect to the exports of LNG authorized by this Order, Goven shall file with the Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether exports of LNG have been made. Monthly reports shall be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun.

If exports of LNG in ISO containers by vessel have occurred, the report must give the following details of each LNG cargo: (1) the name of the U.S. export port or terminal; (2) the name of the ocean going vessel; (3) the date of departure from the U.S. export port or terminal; (4) the country (or countries) of destination into which the exported LNG was actually delivered; (5) the name of the supplier/seller; (6) the delivered volume in Mcf; (7) the price at point of export in U.S. dollars per million British thermal units (MMBtu); (8) the name and location (city, state) of the facility where the ISO container is loaded with LNG; (9) the mode(s) of transport used to move the loaded ISO container from the loading facility to the export port or terminal; (10) the duration of the supply agreement (indicate spot sales); and (11) the name(s) of the purchaser(s).

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

E. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than January 30, 2014, and should cover the reporting period from December 12, 2013, through December 31, 2013.

F. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375, Attention: Natural Gas Reports. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to ngreports@hq.doe.gov, or may be faxed to Natural Gas Reports at (202) 586-6050.

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