

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

**In Reply Refer To:**  
OEP/DLNG/LNG 2  
Freeport LNG Development, L.P.  
Docket No. CP03-75-000,  
CP03-75-002, CP03-75-003,  
CP03-75-004, CP05-361-000,  
CP05-361-001, CP12-509-000  
CP12-29-000, CP20-532-000, and  
CP21-470-000  
§375.308(x)

March 8, 2023

VIA Electronic Mail

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Freeport LNG Development, L.P.  
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**Re: Approval to Return to Service Train 1 and Phase I Facilities**

Dear Mr. Mallett:

I grant your request for Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (Freeport LNG) to commission, cooldown, and return to service Liquefaction Train 1 and Phase I facilities. Upon satisfactory commissioning and cooldown, this approval allows LNG production capacity up to the maximum LNG production capacity authorized under CP20-532-000. This approval is based on a review of the written request filed on February 27, 2023, previous submittals, and supplements filed on February 23 and 27; and March 3 and 7, 2023. This approval is also based on the items inspected and discussed during the joint Commission and Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) site visit, which took place on March 2, 2023.

Freeport LNG must follow all applicable plans, procedures, and mitigation measures described in its previous submittals. Any modifications must be requested and receive written approval prior to implementation. Freeport LNG must also continue to provide and file weekly reports that details the progress toward completing related punch-list items, problems encountered (e.g., leaks, pipe movement exceeding limits, etc.), and remedial actions taken until further notice. Any lessons learned during startup must be applied to other facilities as applicable.

This letter does not grant authorization to commission or place LNG Tank 3, Loop 2, and Dock 2 back into service. Authorization will only be granted following the review of filed completed PSSR documentation, any responses requested, a determination that the facilities are fit for service, and documentation that acceptable measures have been put into place to safely return the facilities to operation. As indicated in your response filed on February 15, 2023, Freeport LNG intends to seek a determination from the Director of OEP or their designee to increase the LNG production rate under CP21-470-000. This letter does not constitute the determination on increasing the LNG production capacity conditioned under CP21-470-000. That determination will only be issued following the successful implementation of all measures applicable to all facilities and upon demonstrating successful operations at previously authorized maximum production levels. We also note that Freeport LNG must also comply with any applicable PHMSA and U.S. Coast Guard requirements.

File your responses in accordance with the provisions of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In particular, (18 CFR §385.2005) requires all responses to be filed under oath by an authorized Freeport LNG representative, and 18 CFR §385.2010 (Rule 2010) requires service to each person whose name appears on the official service list for this proceeding.

Commission staff will continue to coordinate with PHMSA, U.S. Coast Guard, and Freeport staff on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Karla Bathrick at (202) 502-6328. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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