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September 19, 2022

VIA FERC Service

Robert Alessio, Principal Project Manager  
National Grid LNG LLC  
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RE: Request for an Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Alessio:

On October 17, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued an order granting National Grid LNG LLC (National Grid) a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct Fields Point Liquefaction Project (Project),<sup>1</sup> which consists of the construction of one (1) new 20 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) gas pretreatment and liquefaction system to convert natural gas delivered by pipeline into liquefied natural gas (LNG) at its existing LNG storage facility located in Providence, RI. The Commission's order initially required National Grid to construct and make the Project facilities available for service within three years of the date of the order, or October 17, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

On December 8, 2020, National Grid filed a request for an extension of time for an additional twelve months to complete construction and place into service the authorized construction at the LNG storage facility at Fields Point. National Grid was granted a one-year extension of time, until and including October 17, 2022, to complete abandonment activities authorized in the above referenced docket.

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<sup>1</sup> *National Grid LNG LLC*, 165 FERC ¶ 61,031 (2018) (Certificate Order).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ordering para. (B)(1).

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On August 16, 2022, National Grid requested that the Commission grant an extension of time until June 1, 2023, to complete construction and place into service the authorized construction at the LNG storage facility at Fields Point. National Grid had to suspend the testing and commissioning process on May 23, 2022, due to issues with the local distribution company (LDC) regarding odorant levels in the tail gas. National Grid states that successful implementation of a December 2022 in-service date will be highly dependent upon meteorological conditions during the Fall months. Therefore, National Grid states that during traditional winter heating season gas supplies may not be sufficient to satisfy the LDC system demand for customer heating while simultaneously satisfying the demands of the Project to complete the testing. National Grid states that this potential supply shortfalls of the LDC system demand and the demand to complete testing could lead to further delays in completing the testing to begin service until the following Spring.

On August 22, 2022, the Commission issued public notice of National Grid's request for an extension of time. No comments were filed.

Based on the statements in the August 16, 2022 request, Commission staff's analysis of the project, and the term originally provided for completion of the authorized activities in the October 17, 2018 Authorization, National Grid is hereby granted an extension of time until June 1, 2023 to complete all activities of the project as approved in the above referenced docket.

This action is taken pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission in 18 C.F.R. § 375.308(w)(4).

Sincerely,



Richard W. Foley, Branch Chief  
Division of Pipeline Certificates  
Office of Energy Projects

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