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**Maritime
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Mr. Albert Pope
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Re: Project Status - West Delta Deepwater Port (MARAD-2019-0095)

Dear Mr. Pope:

This letter is regarding your December 21, 2023, status update and request for a further extension of the deepwater port license application review.

The Maritime Administration (MARAD) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) notified LNG 21 by letter dated August 3, 2023, and re-iterated by email dated November 8, 2023, that the applicant (West Delta LNG) would be expected to submit an amended deepwater port license application or to request an additional extension.

USCG informed MARAD on January 8, 2024, that they, pursuant to 33 CFR 148.107(c)(3) recommended that LNG 21 and West Delta LNG be granted a final extension for the West Delta Deepwater Port LNG Export Development deepwater port license application. 33 CFR 148.107(c)(3) is the Coast Guard authority to set a deadline for receiving the information from an applicant. In their January letter, the USCG explained that:

“The Applicant continues to proactively correspond with the agencies, respond to agency communications, and provide updates that arguably show bare minimum progress in the private sector. Additionally, the Applicant has repeatedly requested additional time to provide an updated application and recently underwent leadership changes which could provide a fresh project trajectory. Although there is no indication that the Applicant is actively drafting an amended license application, the USCG believes these circumstances warrant one final extension for this project provided it is clear in the extension letter that this is the last extension.”

Based on the recommendation from USCG, please accept this letter as notice that you have been granted a final extension that will expire on December 31, 2024. It is the expectation that West

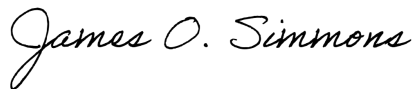
Delta LNG/LNG 21 will provide an amended deepwater port application on or before December 31, 2024. If West Delta LNG/LNG 21 fails to meet this timeframe, the West Delta Deepwater Port LNG Export Development deepwater port application will be denied or indefinitely suspended by 33 CFR §148.107(c).

Please know that your amended application must show, among other things, that:

- West Delta LNG and LNG21 are financially able to construct, own and operate the deepwater port;
- The proposed deepwater port will not interfere with international navigation or other reasonable uses of the high seas;
- The port will be constructed and operated using the best available technology to prevent or minimize adverse environmental impact, in accordance with applicable environmental review criteria; and
- The application addresses all relevant provisions of the Clean Air Act, as amended, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, as well as other applicable Federal and State environmental laws.

We appreciate your cooperation in this process. If you have any MARAD questions, please contact Mr. Brian S. Barton, MARAD; Brian.Barton@dot.gov and any USCG questions, please contact Mr. Matthew Layman, U.S. Coast Guard, at (202) 372-1421; Matthew.D.Layman@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,



James O. Simmons
Director, Office of Deepwater Port Licensing
& Port Conveyance

Enclosure: (1) West Delta Project Status Update Letter, dated December 21, 2023

cc: Docket # MARAD-2019-0095
J.D. Butwid, Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Operating and Environmental Standards