

November 9, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: jack.fusco@cheniere.com

Mr. Jack A. Fusco
President and Chief Executive Officer
Cheniere Energy, Inc.
700 Milam Street, Suite 1900
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CPF No. 4-2021-002-NOPV

Dear Mr. Fusco:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case to your subsidiary, Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC. It makes findings of violation and finds that the civil penalty amount of \$1,458,200.00 has been paid in full. This case is now closed. Service of the Final Order by e-mail is effective upon the date of transmission, as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Ms. Mary McDaniel, Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
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CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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| In the Matter of |) | |) |
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| Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, |) | CPF No. 4-2021-002-NOPV |) |
| a subsidiary of Cheniere Energy, Inc., |) | |) |
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| Respondent. |) | |) |

FINAL ORDER

On September 16, 2021, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207(c), the Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued an Amended Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, a subsidiary of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (Respondent). The Amended Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 193 and proposed a civil penalty of \$1,458,200. Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation and paid the proposed civil penalty on October 22, 2021. In accordance with § 190.208(a)(1), such payment authorizes the entry of this Final Order.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to §190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulations listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 C.F.R. § 193.2507 (**Item 1**) — Respondent failed to monitor Tank S-103 to detect any malfunction which could cause a hazardous condition.

49 C.F.R. § 193.2101 (**Item 2**) — Respondent failed to design the valve and valve controls to allow operation under icing conditions.

49 C.F.R. § 193.2017 (**Item 3**) — Respondent failed to review and update its procedures when the bottom fill valve was significantly changed to prevent the use of the bottom fill and the overall operation of the LNG storage tank.

These findings of violation will be considered prior offenses in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.223, Respondent is assessed the proposed civil penalty amount of \$1,458,200, which Respondent has already paid in full.

The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

November 9, 2021

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued