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Any comments should be filed within 45 days from the date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/eFiling.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of electronic filings, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-3472-024.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Project No. 2533-062]

Brainerd Public Utilities; Notice of Waiver Period for Water Quality Certification Application

On January 23, 2023, Brainerd Public Utilities submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) a copy of its application for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water quality certification filed with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Minnesota PCA), in conjunction with the above captioned project. Pursuant to 40 CFR 121.6 and section 5.23(b) of the Commission's regulations,¹ we hereby notify the Minnesota PCA of the following:

Date of Receipt of the Certification Request: February 1, 2023.

Reasonable Period of Time to Act on the Certification Request: One year (February 1, 2024).

If the Minnesota PCA fails or refuses to act on the water quality certification request on or before the above date, then the agency certifying authority is deemed waived pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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[Docket Nos. CP17-66-001, CP17-67-001]

Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC; Gator Express Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues and Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Plaquemines LNG Amendment

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA), that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Venture Global Plaquemines LNG, LLC (Plaquemines LNG) Amendment (Amendment). If authorized, the Amendment would allow additional workspace (a parking/laydown area) and

increase both the traffic volume and work week/hour limits associated with the construction of its terminal in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana from that analyzed in the final Environmental Impact Statement for the Plaquemines LNG Project (Docket Nos. CP17-66-000 and CP17-67-000), which the Commission authorized on September 30, 2019. The proposed Amendment would increase construction to 24 hours per day and 7 days a week for select activities at the Plaquemines LNG Terminal. The Commission will use the EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the Amendment is in the public interest.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the Amendment. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of an authorization. This gathering of public input is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission's NEPA process is described below in the NEPA Process section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 6, 2023. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the EA.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this Amendment. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed Amendment and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

¹ 18 CFR 5.23(b).