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Re: Petition for Declaratory Order and Ruling as to the Applicability of Statutory Provision and Rule Requiring a Coastal Use Permit for Venture Global Plaquemines LNG

Dear Ms. Diaz & Mr. Wiygul,

On August 29, 2022, Sierra Club, Healthy Gulf, and Deep South Center for Environmental Justice petitioned for a declaratory order to require a coastal use permit for the Venture Global Plaquemines LNG liquefaction plant and export facility. Three years earlier, on August 26, 2019, the Office of Coastal Management determined that the project was located in fastlands and thus would not have a direct and significant impact on coastal waters and therefore did not require a coastal use permit. Petitioners contend that the flooding of the site during Hurricane Ida rendered this decision incorrect and that I should thus revisit this decision. I decline to exercise my discretion to do so. This is essentially an out-of-time appeal of OCM's NDSI determination, and I do not find that conditions have changed sufficiently for me to reopen this matter. Accordingly, the petition is denied.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Harris
Secretary, Department of Natural Resources

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