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Ongoing speculation regarding a potential review of US LNG permitting hit the headlines this week as environmentalists, politicians and focus groups lobbied for – and achieved – a pause on approvals for projects to export LNG, announced by the Biden administration.

Ex-Shell exec Sarim Sheikh has called for continued LNG market loosening to drive the coal to gas transition in South Asia. “At least until 2040, we just need to get rid of coal and replace it with gas,” he told Gas Matters in an exclusive interview.

Italian infrastructure player Snam revealed plans to increase green energy investment by 20% to 2027, while Santos said resuming work on the Barossa project will mean taking a USD 300 million hit.

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