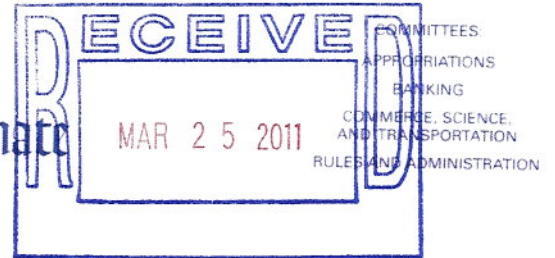


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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Chu and Chairman Wellinghoff:

Freeport LNG of Texas is submitting an application to receive the license and authorization for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). I believe Freeport LNG's proposed project will have significant economic impact for the region.

Freeport LNG currently owns and operates a LNG import terminal on Quintana Island near Freeport, Texas. An expansion of Freeport LNG's facilities will allow the capability to export liquefied natural gas. The project will consist of the addition of liquefaction equipment, an additional storage tank and new docking facilities. Furthermore, the expansion will create thousands of jobs and have a further positive economic impact of up to \$5.2 billion. Job benefits would be felt immediately through the hiring of 1,000 workers during the construction period in addition to the employment of 20,000 new workers nationwide upon completion of the project.

Under consideration of the economic impact of Freeport LNG's proposed project, including sustainable jobs and exports which will strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace, I support Freeport LNG's application for the development of the capability to export liquefied natural gas out of the Quintana facility.

Sincerely,