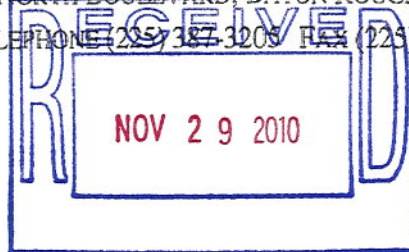




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Dear Secretary Chu and Chairman Wellinghoff:

Gentlemen, you are no doubt aware of recent "Shale" developments across the country providing the United States with a unique opportunity to partner with other nations in providing clean natural gas not only as an international export product, but a major domestic energy source as well.

Over the last five years, new conventional and non-conventional natural gas reserves – located broadly across the country – have dramatically improved the natural gas supply picture in this country. The United States is now the largest global producer with one of the largest reserves of natural gas.

One of our association's prominent members is Cheniere Energy which has the largest liquefied natural gas receiving terminal in the United States. Cheniere Energy is seeking approval to convert this facility, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana from an import-only to a bi-directional site with an additional investment in liquefaction technology. This investment will allow gas to be condensed to a liquid and transported via ship to our trading partners. A similar facility has been in operation for four decades in Alaska, but no such "export-ready" facility currently exists on the pipeline network in the lower 48 states.

This new investment will provide a unique opportunity to allow a very small percentage of production of natural gas across the country to be exported – sustaining 30,000-50,000 production and 1,800 construction jobs, significantly impacting the balance of trade, providing additional energy security to our allies, and providing a lower emissions energy source globally.

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I respectfully request your assistance and approval of Cheniere Energy's permit application. During these times of economic uncertainty, expediting this bi-directional site investment would be timely good news.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. John", written in a cursive style.

Chris John
President



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