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Mr. John A Anderson  
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US Department of Energy (FE-34)  
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
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RE: FE Docket No. 11-59-LNG, Lake Charles Exports, LLC  
Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing in **strong support** for Lake Charles Exports, LLC (LCE)'s application for authorization to export LNG from Southern Union Company's (SUG) Lake Charles terminal to both free trade and non-free trade agreement countries. Lake Charles Export, LLC is a jointly owned subsidiary of BG Group plc (BG Group) and SUG.

Allowing LNG exports should assure price stability to natural gas markets for Louisiana and the entire US by putting US natural gas into the international marketplace. Allowing LNG exports is also consistent with DOE's stated policy of promoting competition in the marketplace by allowing commercial parties to freely negotiate their own trade arrangements.

SUG and BG Group have been longstanding key members of the business community in Louisiana. Both companies have regularly invested in the Lake Charles community and terminal with a BG Group subsidiary holding all capacity rights at the Lake Charles terminal since 2001. BG Group has also significantly invested in shale gas exploration&

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production in Louisiana providing additional jobs and economic investment within the state.

Louisiana will directly benefit from this project through increased direct and indirect jobs during the pre-construction, construction and operational phases of the project.

Allowing exports of LNG will provide additional markets for the abundant natural gas produced in Louisiana, as well as the rest of the country.

I believe that this project is consistent with the public interest by creating local and regional jobs and providing additional markets for Louisiana and US shale gas. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to expeditiously approve LCE's application for authorization to export LNG from Lake Charles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherri Smith Cheek".

Sherri Smith Cheek

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