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Mr. John A. Anderson, Office of Fossil Energy
US Department of Energy (FE-34) - Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
Room 3F-042, FE-50 - Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20585



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 of 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.

The state of Texas is a leader in producing natural gas. While Lake Charles Exports, LLC is applying for authorization to export gas from Louisiana, we believe that this project will also benefit Texas exploration & production companies by providing additional markets for the abundant natural gas produced in Texas. Texas will also benefit from engineering and management jobs throughout the pre-construction and construction phases of the development of this project and long-term, this project will support continued jobs at both companies in Texas.

Both BG Group and SUG have made significant economic investments in Texas. BG Group has its Global LNG headquarters in Houston and is producing natural gas from the Haynesville formation in East Texas (with a joint venture partner). SUG traces its roots in Texas back to 1929, with the formation of Southern Union Gas Company of Texas. As one of the largest US pipeline companies, SUG has remained a significant employer in Texas.

This project is in the public interest, will create jobs, and will allow additional markets for abundant Texas natural gas. I strongly encourage you to approve LCE's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Keffer".

Jim Keffer
State Representative

