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**Re: Request to Place Proceeding in Abeyance  
Excelerate Liquefaction Solutions I, LLC  
FE Docket No. 12-146-LNG  
Application for Long-Term, Multi-Contract Authorization to Export  
Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Countries**

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On October 5, 2012, Excelerate Liquefaction Solutions I, LLC (“ELS”) submitted an application (“Application”) to the Department of Energy (“DOE”) for long-term, multi-contract authorization to engage in exports of domestically produced liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) in an amount up to 10 million metric tons per year for a 20-year term. ELS hereby requests to place that proceeding in abeyance until April 1, 2015.

Subsidiaries of ELS<sup>1</sup> filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) on February 6, 2014, seeking authorization for proposed LNG export facilities under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act and a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a feeder gas pipeline under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (the “Project”).

Recent global economic conditions—including, among other things, a steep decrease in the price of oil—have created uncertainty regarding the economics of the Project. In light of these changes, ELS has conducted a strategic reconsideration of the economic value of the Project and yesterday requested to place the Project proceedings at the Commission on hold.

Similarly, ELS requests to place the above-captioned proceeding in abeyance until April 1, 2015. Granting this request would help to prevent the unnecessary expenditure of

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<sup>1</sup> The applicants in the FERC proceeding are Excelerate Liquefaction Solutions (Port Lavaca I), LLC, Excelerate Liquefaction Solutions (Port Lavaca 2), LLC, and Lavaca Bay Pipeline System, LLC.

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resources by both ELS and DOE during the first quarter of 2015. ELS will contact DOE on or before April 1, 2015 to indicate whether it intends to continue pursuing the Application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing to be served upon each person designated on the official service list in this docket and on the Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy for inclusion in the FE docket in the proceeding, in accordance with the Department's regulations, 10 C.F.R. § 590.107 (2012).

Dated at Washington, D. C., this 24th day of December, 2014.

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