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Dear Ms. Rodgers,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on LNG Development Company's application for long-term authorization to export Liquefied NG to non-free trade agreement countries.

First of all, I hope with the furious pace of these applications, there can be a better method to inform the public of applications and comment periods. I can assure you, there would have been a vastly greater number of comments from those of us living in shale gas fields had the opportunity to comment been more well publicized. The system of having to weekly carefully peruse the Federal register is archaic and industry and insider friendly. That needs to change.

In addition to the DOE study of the effects of hydraulic fracturing not yet being completed, the consequences of shale gas development on impacted families and communities, including property values, short and long term health effects, water supplies, severity of flood events, long term economic prospects and quality of life are of concerns to millions of Americans who must live next to a very invasive, abusive and powerful industry. Coming from the Marcellus shale region, with an interstate pipeline, 4 lines actually, just over a mile from my home, with 18 compressor stations slated to begin spewing toxins into our county air shed and no accounting for cumulative emissions, with frequent repeated incidents of spills, leaks, methane migration and water contamination occurring at a statistically unwavering pace around in our Commonwealth, this application to export to non-free trade agreement nations is a very disturbing precedent.

I am particularly disturbed by the language of the applicant, "LNG Export Project (Project) is proposed to export primarily Canadian-sourced natural gas imported into the United States and to a lesser extent supplies of natural gas that may be domestically produced." We have learned the hard way in Pennsylvania that the gas industry's word always must be taken with a wary eye as to what is omitted. While that vague "lesser extent" may be valid if the facility to export and overseas ones to receive were ready to go today, market circumstances may change greatly by the time exports actually begin and indeed anytime over 25 years. The quality of life, health and future prospects for many in the shale gas sacrifice zones, like the Marcellus region of 2/3 of Pennsylvania, is at stake with this development. Exporting any of what is perhaps our last fossil fuel "gift" may be a grave mistake for the nation as this century unfolds, as the rush to export NG instead of a conservative and precautionary approach to its extraction and utilization was not considered by an inclusive public debate and instead is decided by a system designed for industry "wisdom" to prevail. Please find a way to solicit more public opinion and debate before you open up the floodgates of exporting our NG to non-free trade nations. We need greater guarantees than "to a lesser extent" that we are not sacrificing the future of many US citizens for the profits of a very few.

Thank you,

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