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July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dr. Ernest Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
Office of Fossil Energy  
Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042  
1000 Independence Avenue Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: DOE FE Docket No. 13-157-CNG

Dear Secretary Moniz:

I am writing to express my support for the November 2013 application by Emera CNG, LLC to export Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) from a new facility to be built at the Port of Palm Beach in Florida.

The project involves a small amount of natural gas – but will create major benefits in both Florida and on the island of Grand Bahama.

It requires new construction activity and permanent operation of a compression and loading facility at the Port of Pam Beach so that CNG can be moved onto trailers that will then be loaded onto a roll-on/roll-off ship – thus, providing jobs, long-term economic benefits and a reliable customer for the Port.

This project will enable use of CNG in place of more carbon intensive fossil fuels for the generation of electricity by the Grand Bahama Power Company (GBPC). It will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the island of Grand Bahama, but will offer the potential for more stable fuel costs - and consequently more stable electricity prices for residents and businesses on Grand Bahama.

CNG is a feasible solution for such a small market due to the availability of U.S.-based natural gas, the simplified loading and unloading requirements, and the proven nature of CNG technology in the transportation sector.

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Applications for exports of much higher gas volumes from the United States have already been approved and it is my understanding that this project will only involve the export of less than 0.04% of projected dry gas production within the United States.

As well - exports of this type help improve America's balance of payments and enable positive economic activity and environmental transformation in a nation whose stability is important to the United States' foreign policy interests. The United States is a significant trade partner for the Bahamas: 89% of Bahamas imports come from the U.S. and almost 80% of Bahamas exports are to the U.S.

I strongly encourage the Department of Energy to approve the application by Emera CNG, LLC. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Abruzzo".

Senator Joseph Abruzzo