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**Re: Application of Texas LNG LLC - DOE/FE Docket No. 13-160-LNG**

Dear Ms. Moore,

I write to express my support for Texas LNG LLC's (Texas LNG) application in the above-noted docket. On December 31, 2013, Texas LNG filed an application with the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy (DOE/FE) requesting long-term, multi contract authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) produced from domestic sources by vessel from the proposed LNG terminal to be constructed at the Port of Brownsville, in Brownsville, Texas. The company requests authorization to export LNG by vessel to non-free trade agreement (non-FTA) countries for a 25-year term.

The Texas LNG Project will improve access to supplies of domestic natural gas, serve new market demand, improve the trade deficit, enhance U.S. domestic energy security, and result in other tangible economic and public benefits.

The \$1.3 billion Texas LNG Project is planned on approximately 110 acres in Southeast Texas and is located on the Port of Brownsville Ship Channel. The Project will receive natural gas via natural gas pipeline. It will then treat, liquefy, and store (as LNG) the natural gas onsite for delivery to LNG carriers for export overseas.

The Texas LNG Project will stimulate the local, regional, and national economies through the direct and indirect creation of new jobs, increased economic activity, and tax revenues. The Project will lead to the creation of hundreds of construction jobs and at full capacity will lead to creation of further direct and indirect jobs relying on U.S. companies to supply much of the equipment and materials needed for the terminal. In addition, the Texas LNG Project will support thousands of jobs in the U.S. energy sector related to natural gas exploration and production.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to DOE/FE's expeditious processing of Texas LNG's non-FTA application.

Respectfully,

  
Antonio "Tony" Martinez  
Mayor of Brownsville, Texas

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