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SPEAKER OF THE ALASKA STATE HOUSE

February 26, 2014

U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Oil and Gas Global Security and Supply
Office of Fossil Energy
P.O. Box 44375
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Re: Docket No. 13-155-LNG

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By Docket Room at 8:00am, Feb. 26, 2014

Gentlemen:

ConocoPhillips has applied for a two-year license to export up to 40 Bcf of LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement (non-FTA) countries, including Japan, from the Kenai, Alaska LNG facility. We are writing today in support of that application.

The Kenai LNG facility has a long history of safe, reliable operation, and the facility is a significant asset to the communities on the Kenai Peninsula. The plant employs approximately 50 people directly and 128 people indirectly, providing some \$13.4 million in personal income in the community. Additionally, the plant provides local property taxes, state taxes and royalties.

Exports from the plant will provide market opportunities for explorers and gas producers in the Cook Inlet which would not otherwise be available, since local utility demand in SouthCentral Alaska is already supported by existing contracts until 2018.

For these reasons, operation of the LNG plant over the requested timeframe is in the public interest. Please approve the export license as requested by ConocoPhillips.

Sincerely,

Representative Mike Chenault Speaker of the Alaska State House