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Please find attached a letter with comments re: 2012 LNG Export Study.  
Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Thanks,  
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January 23, 2013

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: 2012 LNG Export Study

Dear Secretary Chu:

The Florida Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 139,000 grassroots members with more than three million employees, is writing in support of the NERA study titled *Macroeconomic Impacts of LNG Exports from the United States* and its conclusions that LNG exports result in "net economic benefits" for the United States. Well over half of Florida's electricity generation is derived from natural gas and many of our industries are dependent on natural gas as energy source. Florida's economy has benefitted from recent shale gas production and the resultant decline in natural gas prices.

Growth in natural gas supplies has begun to outpace domestic demand, so it is appropriate to support export of the surplus. Natural gas exports will have two immediate positive economic impacts: 1. exports will improve the U.S. balance of trade, and 2. exports will encourage further development of natural gas resources that mitigate "boom or bust" cycles.

The construction and operation of LNG export terminals and increased exploration and production activity will also support thousands of jobs and billions in investment at a time when such a free-market stimulus is so desperately needed. Further, the global opportunity U.S. natural gas supplies could also have in delivering greater national energy security cannot be overlooked.

By continually taking steps to move Florida's energy future forward, Floridians will see an adequate, affordable supply of energy to meet its needs, a reduced dependence of foreign energy sources, the growth of new energy markets and jobs, the conservation of our natural resources and a modernized and expanded infrastructure that's ready for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

With the release of the NERA report, we respectfully urge you to advance, without delay, the pending export project permits. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Hart".

David A. Hart, Executive Vice President

Cc: Lars Houman, Chairman, Florida chamber Board of Directors  
Mark Wilson, President & CEO

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