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Please find attached comments from Mayor Don Plusquellic, City of Akron.

Thank you,

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# City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

January 24, 2013

Mr. John Anderson  
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
Office of Fossil Energy  
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recent study published by the Department of Energy on opening new export opportunities for liquefied natural gas (LNG).

As your Department is well aware, remarkable advances in applied technologies have dramatically reshaped America's energy future by presenting new economic opportunities that were unimaginable just one decade ago. The implementation of these new technologies will allow the safe and environmentally responsible recovery of natural gas in shale formations across the country, including Pennsylvania and Ohio. As mayor of a city that sits squarely astride the Marcellus and Utica Shales, I would like to express my support for the Department of Energy moving expeditiously to approve the construction of new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals to allow US produced natural gas to reach additional export markets.

The global sale of LNG can create both direct and indirect jobs in the natural gas production industry in the Akron region, jobs that are critical for our local economy. It has already created more than 38,000 jobs in Ohio, and is expected to create more than 143,000 by 2025.

With job producing energy policies, natural gas production will continue to increase with new technological advances. By enhancing the ability of companies to export LNG, the Department of Energy will support needed additional demand for production and help stabilize a growth industry that has been historically impacted by boom-bust cycles. Concurrently, sustainable natural gas prices will benefit the domestic manufacturing sector and continue to maintain affordable home energy prices and support our transportation needs.

Thank you for your consideration of my views and for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. I urge your support for an expedited approval process for LNG export which will provide critical support for an industry that stands to benefit workers and consumers in the Akron region, throughout Ohio, and across the country.

Sincerely,

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