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From: Gerrit Crouse [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2013 7:06 PM
To: LNGStudy
Subject: Macroeconomic study of LNG exports conducted by NERA Consultants

Dear Sir / Madam:

The NERA Consultants study does not support the conclusion that unfettered exports will benefit the US. The study itself acknowledges that gas exports will increase costs for American consumers, & depress wages for some workers. Short-term financial gains for a few people who own energy stocks & gas liquefaction plants will not outweigh the negative economic impact exports will have on most Americans.

The study fails to consider costs of mitigating environmental & health impacts of gas extraction. It fails to consider the adverse economic, social, & psychological impacts extraction will have on local economies of communities in areas where extraction takes place--for as long as the gas lasts, & after it is gone, they are left with nothing, in a ruined land.

I write as an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS).

References:

www.globalchange.gov/usimpacts

"Summary for Decision-Makers", /Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Synthesis/ (Washington, DC: Island Press. 2005).

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