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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is James Michael Adkins, a resident of Charleston, WV, a retired Command Master Chief of the USNR and Deputy Director of the WV Public Employees Insurance Agency. It is my desire to submit comments on the DOE LNG Export Study.

Reasons to Support the export of LNG products

1. LNG exports will no doubt be good for the American economy. The NERA Study itself projects a gain in net economic benefits by allowing the LNG exports. The potential for investment return and job development are enormous. Further, this would doubtless attract foreign investment as well improving the balance of trade. The projected increase of revenues from \$2.6 billion to almost \$32.9 billion is sufficient justification for the increased export of LNG products.

2. LNG exports will drive additional production and support thousands of additional jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction, and operation of export infrastructure. LNG exports will have a net economic benefit in spite of higher natural gas prices. The Study concludes that the increase of natural gas prices will be minimal in comparison to the benefits.

3. LNG production is adequate to meet the needs of the domestic market and also allow for exports. Exporting LNG would provide an opportunity to realize additional profits by selling incremental volumes of natural gas.

4. LNG exports are good for U.S. trade relations assisting some of our allies that are attempting to cope with serious energy challenges while generating economic benefits here at home.

Benefit to My Community

The direct benefit to WV should the LNG exports occur would be massive. Our State is battling unemployment, attacks to our chief industry of coal mining and insufficient tax revenues to perform much needed social programs. LNG exports would address all these issues quickly. Jobs would open immediately, coal miners would have other career options and the State of WV would realize

increased tax revenue to address its critical needs.

Applications for LNG Exports

I would strongly support facilitating companies applying to export LNG and encourage the capital investment and growth in this industry.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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