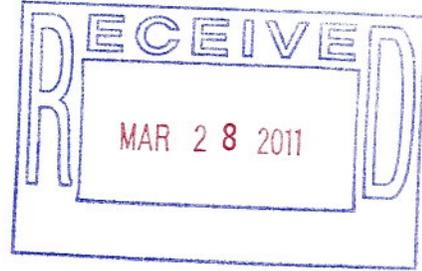




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**Re: Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction, LLC Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas
FE Docket No. 10-161-LNG**

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am writing on behalf of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO) in support of Freeport LNG's application for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas. TIPRO is a trade association representing the interests of more than 2,100 independent oil and natural gas producers and royalty owners throughout Texas. Started in 1946, we are one of the nation's oldest and largest associations of this kind. Our members range from small family-owned businesses to the largest publicly traded independent producers and mineral owners, estates and trusts comprising millions of acres of production in Texas. Our members own and produce more than 85% of the natural gas and 70% of the oil within Texas.

TIPRO supports Freeport LNG's project because it believes that the United States has abundant supplies of natural gas and that exporting LNG will create a new market for domestic resources without significantly impacting the price or availability of natural gas to domestic consumers. Our members are actively involved in the development of extensive new natural gas supplies in Texas and many other states. The investments that our members and their industry colleagues across the country are making are creating many tens of thousands of jobs. This job creation can be seen at many levels:

- At the field level for leasing, surveying, drilling, production, processing and pipelining,
- At the local level to support those workers with food, lodging, and goods,
- In hundreds of companies providing materials and supplies across the country,
- In hundreds of pipe and equipment fabrication shops across the country,



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- In hundreds of trucking companies transporting all of the above, and
- In hundreds of large and small engineering companies across the country.

Exporting LNG would further enhance the job development potential of the natural gas revolution sweeping our country, and we encourage the DOE to approve Freeport LNG's long-term export application.

Respectfully submitted,



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