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Jimmy D. Staton
Executive Vice President
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January 15, 2013

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

At NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S), we are investing in a broad array of value-adding pipeline infrastructure projects to enhance our existing 15,000-mile natural gas transmission pipeline network. Serving Mid-Atlantic, East Coast and Gulf Coast markets, we have witnessed the natural gas revolution that is transforming our country, stimulating local economies and creating millions of jobs. The recent innovations in shale gas technology and surge in natural gas production provide our nation with an attractive new opportunity – exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG). NGT&S strongly supports this opportunity.

The report conducted for the Department of Energy (DOE) entitled “Macroeconomic Impacts of LNG Exports from the United States” examines a range of scenarios, with varying assumptions about supply and demand. After an in-depth analysis, this report concludes that exporting natural gas produces net economic benefits that extend far beyond the natural gas industry.

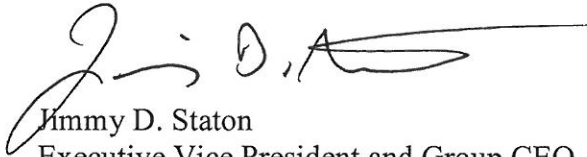
Specific to the natural gas transmission pipeline industry, expanding the natural gas market – both domestically and worldwide – will create greater demand for infrastructure and support thousands of professional jobs in construction and thousands of additional jobs in the manufacturing sector. NGT&S will be able to meet this growing demand by maximizing the value of our extensive pipeline and storage assets through targeted expansions. For example, we recently announced the commencement of the Cameron Access Project to transport abundant supplies from various basins directly into the Cameron LNG Terminal.

As a company that stands ready to put Americans to work to build and operate a robust, safe and reliable interstate pipeline system, we strongly urge you to move forward in considering and approving the applications currently before the DOE.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Please see the attached letter on behalf of Jimmy Staton, Executive Vice President and Group CEO, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage.

Thank you.

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