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## General Comment

See attached file(s)

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## Attachments

Mayor LNG Coalition



Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr.  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 17, 2013

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

Dear Secretary Chu:

Just a few short years ago our abundant natural gas reserves were both largely unknown and unreachable. The energy policy at that time was driven by the need to import energy. It called for the construction of importing stations on our coasts to receive incoming liquefied natural gas (LNG) to fuel our domestic needs. However, with the discovery and use of advanced exploration and production techniques our domestic oil and natural gas companies have unleashed what is now being called a “shale revolution” We are now in a position to export liquefied natural gas to the world due to our enormous production capacity of natural gas.


Through a vast pipeline infrastructure, that energy is delivered to the entirety of our country. That system touches all coasts of our country and provides a constant source of energy to all points between.

Over the past four months, I have asked our region’s mayors to underscore our sense of urgency in our request to the Obama administration to approve the exporting of LNG into the world LNG markets. Our cities have a long, proud history of being involved with numerous aspects of the oil and natural gas industry; whether production, refining, manufacturing, or education-they all contribute generously to each city’s economic base and future.

It is our belief that no single source of energy will provide America with economic stability and security better than our own oil and natural gas energy resources. From workers in the field to engineers, oil and natural gas companies create well-paying jobs of every skill level. There is no doubt that America’s energy industry is a key component of our current economy.

Please find enclosed the letters from our coalition of mayors from Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. If you have any questions, please contact me or my Chief of Staff, Mr. Jarred Brejcha, at 918-596-7458.

Sincerely,

  
Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr.  
Mayor

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Best regards,

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Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr.  
Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
TEXAS

ANNISE D. PARKER  
MAYOR

December 7, 2012

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I was pleased to see that the NERA Economic Consulting study on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports released this week concluded that exporting LNG would create significant economic benefits for the United States. As the energy capital of the world, the Houston economy would benefit greatly from increased LNG exports.

The discovery of shale plays in certain parts of our country has changed the energy dynamic in the United States and around the world. With an overabundance of natural gas, energy companies in Houston hope to build new export facilities in the Houston Ship Channel and ship LNG to other countries. Among the jobs that the increased export of LNG will create are jobs related to the construction of export facilities, transportation of natural gas, liquification of natural gas and loading of LNG on ships.

I understand that you have set a schedule for considering public comments on the NERA study. Once the period for comments expires on February 25, I urge you to expeditiously rule on applications to export LNG. During the interim period, I hope that your staff will begin the process of reviewing the applications so that you are poised to make prompt decisions after February 25. Many parts of the country would benefit greatly from the new jobs that will come from expanded exports. We in Houston believe that the export of LNG can be accomplished safely and without causing any impact on the environment. We look forward to continuing our dialogue with you and your staff on these issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annise Parker".

Annise D. Parker



October 12, 2012

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Secretary Chu,

As Mayor of the 16<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States—a city that benefits greatly from the jobs and economic impact of an expansive shale gas play—I respectfully request the Department of Energy to expedite approval of the permitting process to allow exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Restrictions on LNG exports will harm the ability of companies to expand production, create jobs and add to local government revenue.

America's energy industry is a critical component of the growth and prosperity Fort Worth has enjoyed throughout its history. As you know, the advancement of new techniques and technology has unleashed an America natural gas revolution. Because of the great economic benefits for both local companies, contractors and citizens, Fort Worth has been a pioneer in safely managing significant urban natural gas development.

Recognized as the "Shale Capital," Fort Worth is uniquely positioned to benefit greatly from the export of LNG. There is an enormous production capacity, which holds great potential for significant positive economic growth in the long term. This shale gas will allow the American people to meet their energy needs while also capturing the economic benefits of expanding domestic and international markets for natural gas. Responsibly permitting the export of LNG will help guarantee the United States remains the land of opportunity.

The value of free and responsible trade is a fundamental principle of modern economics. Thank you again for your consideration for the expedited approval of the permitting process to allow exportation of LNG.

Sincerely,

Betsy Price  
Mayor



**BETSY PRICE, MAYOR**

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# CITY OF AMARILLO

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MAYOR

October 3, 2012

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
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Washington, DC 20585

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Sincerely,

Paul Harpole  
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October 9, 2012

*Mary Lib Saleh*  
MAYOR

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Mary Lib Saleh  
Mayor





## Office of the Mayor

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Sincerely,



Lorenz Walker  
Mayor



## CITY OF LAKE CHARLES

RANDY ROACH  
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 16, 2012

Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

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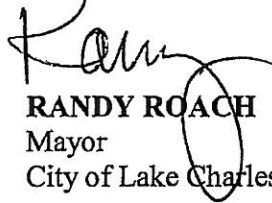
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**RANDY ROACH**  
Mayor  
City of Lake Charles

RR/dl



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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November 28, 2012

The Honorable Steven Chu  
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1000 Independence Ave., SW  
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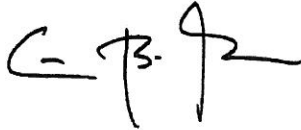
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Cedric B. Glover  
M A Y O R



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

MICK CORNETT, MAYOR  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
200 NORTH WALKER  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73102

September 11, 2012

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Mick Cornett  
Mayor

MC/kf





# *The City of Midwest City*

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Jack Fry, Mayor  
City of Midwest City

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November 21, 2012

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

*obstacles*

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*standing*

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Doug Bonebrake  
Mayor, City of Owasso Oklahoma



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SANDY SANDERS, MAYOR  
CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

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Sandy Sanders  
Mayor  
City of Fort Smith

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*OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SAM R. FUGATE*

October 23, 2012

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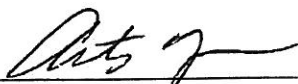
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# City of Heber Springs

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October 5, 2012

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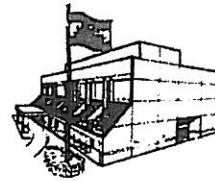
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E. Dewayne Richters  
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