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*Sent on behalf of Lou D'Amico, President & Executive Director of Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association.*

Please see the attached comments submitted on behalf of our PIOGA member companies.

Regards,

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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34),  
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**Re: Initial Comments - LNG Export Study**

Dear Secretary Chu:

The Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association (PIOGA) respectfully submits the following comments on the LNG Export Study on behalf of our members. PIOGA is a nonprofit trade association, with nearly 1000 members, representing Pennsylvania independent oil and natural gas producers, marketers, service companies and related businesses, landowners and royalty owners.

**PIOGA is in support of the Department of Energy moving forward with the approval of all pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export applications for non-free trade agreement countries.**

The development of the Marcellus Shale and other unconventional shale formations has allowed natural gas to become an important component of America's energy supply and economic health. The United States is once again on the global platform for energy development.

This important development has led to unprecedented growth in Pennsylvania in regard to private sector job creation and economic impact for our state and the citizens of our Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry reports that more than 243,000 jobs in the Commonwealth are tied to the natural gas industry. Additionally, natural gas is a clean-burning, efficient, and cost-effective fuel that offers the potential both for significantly decreasing air pollution emissions and promoting America's energy independence.

Our industry is focused on finding more ways to leverage these abundant natural resources, through expanded electricity generation, transportation conversion, and LNG exports. Many natural gas companies are also increasingly using natural gas to power their operations.

With the approval of all pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export applications for non-free trade agreement countries, the direct impact for the U.S. would be more American job creation, tax revenue, economic activity, consumer savings, a reduction in our nation's trade imbalance, environmental benefits, and increased national security.

It has been stated that American shale development is “an energy game-changer,” but it will take the Department of Energy’s leadership on how we harness the possibilities of this opportunity. By approving the pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export applications, it demonstrates the United States’ commitment to advancing our energy policies to allow for the growth of this industry and the benefits that were highlighted previously.

The DOE’s support of LNG exports is a historic and important step forward to providing additional global markets for natural gas usage and positions the United States as a leader in energy policies that are thoughtful and responsible for global energy trade. We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments on this important issue and we look forward to working with DOE on future issues that affect our member companies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis D'Amico". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Louis D’Amico  
President and Executive Director

