

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. John A. Anderson
United States Department of Energy
Office of Fossil Energy
1000 Independence Avenue Southwest
Forrestal Building, Docket Room 3F-056, FE-50
Washington, D.C. 20585-0001

RE: Alaska LNG Project LLC, Docket No. 14-96-LNG
Support of Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are writing in strong support of the application filed by Alaska LNG Project LLC to export LNG to both Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement countries. The Alaska LNG Project would be the largest integrated natural gas/LNG project of its kind ever designed and constructed, with an estimated cost of \$45 billion to \$65 billion. No other single project is as important to Alaska's economic future as this massive infrastructure project.

The Alaska LNG Project, with the liquefaction facility to be constructed in the Nikiski area of the Kenai Peninsula in south central Alaska, would unlock the vast natural gas resources on the North Slope of Alaska, providing a source of much-needed in-state gas to Alaskans. As we believe the application demonstrates, natural gas reserves and resources in Alaska are more than sufficient to support the in-state needs of Alaskans.

The Alaska LNG Project would provide significant economic benefits to Alaskans including state revenues, new job opportunities and access to decades of domestically produced natural gas for homes and businesses in Alaska. The Alaska LNG Project team has indicated it is expected to create up to 15,000 jobs during construction and approximately 1,000 jobs for operation of the Project. As demonstrated in a study attached to the application, the Alaska LNG Project would have "unequivocally positive" economic impacts on Alaska and the United States as a whole.

The requested authorization in the amount of 20 million metric tons per year of LNG for a term of 30 years is necessary to support a project of this size and scope. Unlike proposed projects in the Lower 48 United States, there is no existing infrastructure for the Alaska LNG Project and each component must be constructed from the ground up. The Alaska LNG Project will also be faced with challenging Arctic construction conditions that may require a 12-year period prior to the Project's commencement.

As Alaska and its supply of natural gas are geographically separate from the Lower 48 United States, Alaska LNG Project LLC's application should not be subject to DOE/FE's existing Order of Precedence for Processing Non-FTA LNG Export Applications nor should it be subject to any new procedures adopted as a result of DOE/FE's proposed procedural change for processing Non-FTA LNG export applications. This is consistent with DOE's statement in Footnote 5 of the proposal that "this notice does not address the treatment of applications to export natural gas from Alaska." The many unique factors facing the Alaska LNG Project require a conditional authorization that will allow the Project to proceed with the commercial and engineering work necessary for development and construction of the Project.

Finally, the existing Presidential Finding Concerning Alaska Natural Gas dated January 12, 1988 satisfies the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act Section 12 requirement that exports of natural gas from Alaska "will not diminish the total quantity or quality nor increase the total price of energy available to the United States." We support the assertion that this Presidential Finding is valid and applicable to the Alaska LNG Project.

We believe that the export authorization sought by the Alaska LNG Project is fully consistent with both the public interest of Alaska and the nation. As the Alaska Congressional Delegation, we write to request that you approve this application expeditiously.

Sincerely,



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Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator

Mark Begich
United States Senator

Don Young
United States Congressman

cc: Christopher A. Smith
Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy