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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

**Re: Lake Charles LNG**

Dear Secretary Granholm:

As the Governor of Louisiana, I am urging the U.S. Department of Energy to reconsider its recent decision related to the Lake Charles LNG project. This project will have a significant positive impact on job creation and economic output for the State of Louisiana over a 4-5 year construction period, with an estimated 4,000 construction jobs during peak construction and billions of dollars of overall construction expenditures. Once completed, the Lake Charles LNG facility will also generate hundreds of high quality jobs in Louisiana related to LNG operations, tug operations and ancillary services.

My understanding is that the U.S. Department of Energy denied a request by Lake Charles LNG for an extension of the deadline for commencement of LNG exports to December 2028, citing a lack of sufficient progress towards construction of the LNG facility. My understanding is also that Lake Charles LNG intends to appeal this decision pursuant to a request for rehearing that will substantiate the significant progress realized by Lake Charles LNG, both before and after the filing of the request for an extension in June 2022. The request for rehearing filing will also include more detailed information related to the effects of COVID and other global events that contributed to delays affecting Lake Charles LNG's inability to meet the existing deadline.

Energy Transfer, the sponsor of the Lake Charles LNG project, has incurred more than \$250 million of development costs subsequent to June 2022. Lake Charles LNG has long-term contractual commitments for a significant portion of its LNG capacity and is in serious discussions with several other international customers for long-term contractual commitments. Lake Charles LNG has also received refreshed bids for the engineering, procurement and construction work for this project and has received FERC approval for various construction activities. All in all, it appears that the Lake Charles LNG project has

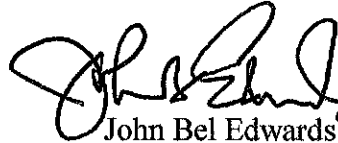
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made significant, demonstrable progress towards the construction of its LNG export facility.

As you know, Lake Charles LNG has already received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of a request for an extension of the deadline for completion of construction to December 2028.

Due to the importance of this project to the State of Louisiana from the perspective of job creation and economic benefits to the state, I urge the U.S. Department of Energy to carefully consider Lake Charles LNG's request for rehearing and to act in an expeditious manner to allow this project to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards". The signature is stylized and cursive.

John Bel Edwards  
Governor