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Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management
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U.S. Department of Energy, Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585
Attn: Mrs. Amy Sweeney

**Re: Request of Magnolia LNG, LLC for Extension of Start Date of Term of Authorization - FE
Docket No. 13-132-LNG**

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

We write on behalf of The nSouthwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance to respectfully urge the Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (DOE FECM) to grant the request by Magnolia LNG, LLC (Magnolia LNG) for an extension of the start date of its authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to nations with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement.

I represent the SWLA Alliance and we strongly support construction of Magnolia LNG because it will generate local jobs, regional economic development, and global energy security, all while using innovative liquefaction technologies that have lower greenhouse gas emissions when compared to conventional LNG processes. We join local governments, regulators, and surrounding communities in their support of this multi-billion dollar project.

Magnolia LNG is strategically located near Lake Charles in Southwest Louisiana on a 115-acre site and is permitted to produce 8.8 million tonnes per annum of LNG. The site is crossed by the Kinder Morgan Louisiana Gas Pipeline which has interconnections to several other pipelines. Magnolia LNG will liquefy and store LNG onsite for export, as well as for domestic use to power ships, barges, and other vessels, and to power trucks in Louisiana and surrounding states.

Magnolia LNG needs certainty that the project can be built and that all of the promise it holds for Southwest Louisiana -- and indeed the rest of the United States and our friends and allies overseas -- can be achieved in the future. DOE FECM should provide that certainty by granting Magnolia LNG's request.

Sincerely,

George Swift/ President –CEO

