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General Comment

Regarding Delfin LNG LLC Request:

To the Department of Energy:

I support Delfin LNG's request to the DOE for a conditional extension of time to commence exports. This project is beneficial to the American public as well as the energy security of America and our international allies with whom we have free trade and non-free trade agreements. However, I specifically want to draw attention to this specific project's design as a new path forward for environmental friendliness. I support the development of green energy in America that does not rely on fossil fuels. However, sufficient energy infrastructure for wind, solar, and nuclear will take years to come online, and at great cost. In the interim, LNG provides an abundant and relatively clean fossil fuel for use both in the USA and countries to which the USA exports.

Delfin LNG's particular project design - a deepwater port serving floating liquefaction vessels - allows for LNG offtake with only minimal disruption of coastline habitats. Minimal onshore infrastructure is required, and Delfin states the required pipelines already exist. The minimal additional onshore construction required for Delfin LNG is especially appealing given recent problems with freshwater shortages at Venture Global's Plaquemines facility.

The Delfin project allows FLNG vessels to remain away from the coastline, which eliminates the environmental harm caused by LNG carriers repeatedly approaching the shoreline for ontake at existing on-shore facilities.

In case of environmental disaster, such as a hurricane, FLNG vessels can be moved to safer waters, thereby reducing risk of environmentally harmful damage.

I advocate for truly green and permanently sustainable energy. Realistically, I understand current infrastructure is insufficient to meet the energy demands of our country and our allies. Delfin LNG represents the type of project that should be supported by the DOE and other regulatory bodies. It should be held up as a new standard for environmentally friendliness in fossil fuels, until such time as truly sustainable and renewable energies are adequate. The USA is fortunate to have high standards for environmental protection. If Delfin LNG's extension is not approved, Delfin's current customers may take their business to other countries which don't have such stringent environmental standards. Please consider Delfin LNG's request for a conditional extension of time. Thank you.