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General Comment

I am writing to express my strong support for Delfin Midstream's request for a conditional extension of time to commence export operations from their proposed Delfin Deepwater Port. Not only is this project critical for American energy security and economic development but also for our allies abroad.

Why the United States Needs Delfin Midstream's LNG Project:

Energy Security: Delfin's project will unlock America's vast natural gas reserves, allowing us to become a reliable exporter of clean-burning natural gas. This will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and strengthen our national security.

Economic Growth: The project will create thousands of good-paying jobs in construction, manufacturing, and operation. It will also generate significant tax revenue for local communities and the federal government.

Supporting Our Allies: Delfin's LNG exports will provide much-needed energy supplies to our allies in Europe and Asia, helping them diversify their energy sources and reduce reliance on hostile nations.

Supporting Delfin's Extension Request

Delfin has encountered numerous extenuating circumstances beyond their control, including delays in obtaining a deepwater port license from MARAD. Granting a conditional extension will allow Delfin to secure additional financing, finalize engineering, and make a final investment decision. This demonstrates

Delfin's commitment to the project.

Good Faith Efforts: Delfin has already secured financing. Secured contracts worth over \$19B, invested over \$100M in infrastructure and made significant progress on the project, thus demonstrating their commitment to bringing it to completion. Numerous companies tied to this project are also in support of Delfin's request,

Conditional Approval: A conditional extension, as proposed by Delfin, ensures they meet specific benchmarks within a set timeframe. This approach minimizes risks and ensures the project is moving forward in good faith.

Support from Senators Cruz and Cassidy:

It's important to note that Senators Ted Cruz and Bill Cassidy have also voiced their strong support for Delfin's extension request. Their letter highlights the project's critical role in national security and its economic benefits for local communities, the State and indeed the nation.

Conclusion

Granting Delfin Midstream a conditional extension is the right decision for America. It will strengthen our energy independence, create jobs, and support our allies. I respectfully request DOE to approve their request and allow this vital project to move forward.