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General Comment

Subject: Protest Against the Saguaro LNG Project in Baja California, Mexico

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally protest the extension application for the Saguaro LNG project in Baja California, Mexico. I strongly oppose this project for several reasons related to environmental concerns, its potential negative impact on biodiversity, and its conflict with the goals of sustainable energy development.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to consider the environmental effects of proposed decisions. In this case, the Saguaro LNG project poses serious risks to the unique marine ecosystem of the Gulf of California, a region known for its rich biodiversity, including endangered species such as the Vaquita porpoise and the blue whale.

One of the key concerns is the potential disruption to marine life. The Gulf of California is one of the most biodiverse seas in the world, and any industrial development in the area, especially one involving LNG facilities, could lead to habitat destruction, increased marine traffic, and pollution, which would have devastating effects on the marine ecosystem. According to Joel Reynolds from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Saguaro project is not only ill-suited for the region, but it could also exacerbate the threats to the local wildlife, particularly marine mammals like whales and dolphins, which are already endangered .

Additionally, as reported by the Center for Biological Diversity, this LNG project threatens the survival of the Gulf's endangered species by increasing the risks of vessel strikes, noise pollution, and water contamination. The Saguaro LNG project, which includes the construction of export facilities near sensitive marine habitats, is the wrong project in the wrong place.

Considering the potential long-term environmental damage, I urge the DOE to carefully evaluate the full range of impacts that this project would have. The project is inconsistent with the preservation goals for the Gulf of California, which is a globally significant ecological zone.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the DOE not proceed with the extension of the Saguaro LNG project. The environmental risks far outweigh any potential benefits, and it is essential that we prioritize the protection of our planet's biodiversity and natural resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely, Ana Velazquez