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Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

This comment is submitted in response to the notice of proposed amendment to the long-term LNG export authorization for Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC. I urge the Department of Energy (DOE) to explicitly consider the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and climate implications associated with this expanded export authority.

The Public Interest Demands Climate Consideration:

1. LNG Export Growth Increases Global CO₂ Emissions

The expansion of LNG export capacity—even via amendments to existing authorizations—carries significant lifecycle greenhouse gas impacts, including emissions from extraction, liquefaction, shipping, regasification, and end-use combustion. These emissions contribute materially to global climate change.

2. DOE Must Include CO₂ in Its “Public Interest” Determinations

Under the Natural Gas Act, DOE is required to determine whether LNG exports are in the public interest. It would be a mistake to interpret this mandate narrowly in economic or geopolitical terms alone. In the 21st century, climate impacts are inseparable from the public interest, as they carry long-term consequences for public health, national security, and economic stability.

3. Amendments to Authorizations Are Not Exempt from Climate Scrutiny

The fact that this filing is an amendment rather than a new application should not shield it from rigorous review. DOE must assess whether this expanded authority aligns with national climate goals and emission reduction targets. In the absence of a robust climate analysis, such an expansion risks locking in long-lived infrastructure that accelerates cumulative CO₂ emissions.

4. Global Market Effects Cannot Be Ignored

Expanding LNG exports affects global energy prices, investment signals, and long-term fuel mix decisions—extending global reliance on fossil fuels at a time when science demands rapid decarbonization.

Recommendation:

I respectfully recommend that DOE:

Conduct a full lifecycle GHG assessment for the amended export volume;

Publicly disclose modeled CO₂ outcomes associated with this and similar amendments;

Include CO₂ emissions and climate risk in the final public interest analysis.

By integrating climate science and carbon accounting into its export authorization process, DOE can fulfill its statutory obligations in a manner that reflects the realities of a warming planet and the interests of current and future generations.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

Submitted Anonymously

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