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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

December 9, 2025

Assistant Secretary Kyle Haustveit
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Assistant Secretary Haustveit,

I extend my support for Woodside Energy's pending request to extend the commencement deadline of export operations from the Louisiana LNG an additional 44 months under its current non-free trade agreement authorization (FE Docket No. 16-144-LNG).

As you may know, Louisiana LNG is authorized to export 1,415.3 billion cubic feet per year of liquefied natural gas ("LNG") to non-free trade agreement nations for a term extending through December 31, 2050, provided operations must commence by May 2, 2026. The original seven-year timeline following issuance requires an extension, given Woodside Energy's acquisition of Tellurian Inc. and its affiliated assets, including Driftwood LNG LLC (now Louisiana LNG), as well as the need to complete construction. Accordingly, Woodside Energy filed its extension request on May 29, 2025, almost six months ago.

Since announcing final investment decision on April 29, 2025, Woodside Energy has conducted itself with professionalism, advancing the Louisiana LNG project and creating hundreds of construction jobs. The executive leading Louisiana LNG recently reported excellent progress on its construction, and Woodside Energy has my full confidence. Expanding the U.S. LNG industry and enhancing our export capabilities are critical, and Louisiana LNG will contribute to those priorities. The project will further support the United States' role as a global leader in clean, affordable, and abundant energy production. Once operational, the project will supply U.S. LNG globally with offtake agreements already in place for allies in Europe and Asia.

Again, I strongly support Woodside Energy's application for an extension and urge your full and fair consideration of the request. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you to strengthen America's energy infrastructure.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress

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Ms. Amy Sweeney, Director, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management