

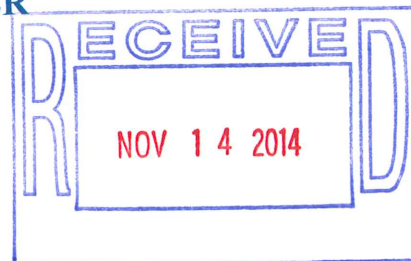
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November 4, 2014

Mr. John A. Anderson  
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United States Department of Energy  
Docket Room 3F-056, FE-50  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Alaska LNG Project LLC, Docket No. 14-96-LNG  
Support of Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Anderson,

As co-chair of the House Resources Committee in the Alaska State Legislature, I am writing to express my strong support for the Alaska LNG Project LLC's application for an export license, and to ask you to give the application every favorable consideration.

My committee did the lion's share of the review and modification of the legislation authorizing the state to proceed with this project. We believe -- and 52 of 60 legislators concurred by voting for final passage of the bill -- that the Alaska LNG pipeline project offers the best opportunity for our state to realize the benefits of this essential energy infrastructure project.

This estimated \$45 billion to \$65 billion project envisions a gas treatment plant on the North Slope, an 800-mile high-pressure gas pipeline, and liquefaction facilities and marine dock on the coast of Cook Inlet. A key element would be 25 percent state ownership, with ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil and BP owning the rest in proportion to their share of North Slope gas.

There is no other project that means more to the economic future of our state, and thus to the welfare of Alaskans in my district and around the state. While the detailed cost estimates and planning are still underway under the terms of SB 138, estimates so far indicate that taking a stake in the project, collecting taxes and royalties in gas instead of cash, and selling its gas will allow the state of Alaska to earn up to \$4 billion annually over a 25-year initial contract.

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The construction and operation of the project would support thousands of construction and operations jobs for Alaskans. By providing a vector to market, the project would attract the additional exploration for natural gas that could extend the projects initial life for decades, encouraging new oil and gas development critical to the state's economic future, and providing long-term support for our state's public and private economies.

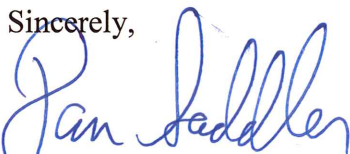
Because Alaska's North Slope natural gas is not currently delivered to domestic markets outside Alaska, export of this gas can have no deleterious effects on gas producers or consumers in what we Alaskans call the "Lower 48" states. The Alaska LNG application for an export license therefore should not be subject to the Department of Energy's Order of Precedence for Processing Non-FTA LNG Export Applications. Neither should it be held to any new procedures that might arise from the Department's proposed changes in how to process such applications.

I am pleased to know that there is an existing presidential finding that export of natural gas from Alaska does not pose a threat to domestic gas producers or purchasers. I believe this finding does apply to the Alaska LNG project, and that it satisfies the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act's requirements.

More than 50 years ago, Alaska joined the 48 states of the Union with the joint expectation that Alaskans would support ourselves and fund our government with revenue earned by developing of our natural resources. I believe strongly that this project is the latest fulfillment of that mutual commitment, and that the public interest, both nationally and in Alaska, would be well-served by the issuance of the export authorization sought by the Alaska LNG Project.

I encourage you to give this application your thorough review, and your prompt approval.

Sincerely,



Representative Dan Saddler  
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee