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REPRESENTATIVE MIKE CHENAULT SPEAKER OF THE ALASKA STATE HOUSE

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Mr. John A. Anderson
Office of Fossil Energy
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,

This letter is in resounding support of the application filed by Alaska LNG Project LLC to export LNG to both the Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

The Alaska LNG Project will be a megaproject unique in scheme and construction, and economically vital to Alaska. This is the largest collective natural gas/LNG project of its kind with an estimated cost of up to \$65 billion.

The liquefaction facility is being evaluated for construction in my home town and district, the Nikiski area of the Kenai Peninsula. At present the community is thriving with an economic boom as the preliminary phase assessments have begun in anticipation of the Alaska LNG facility. Statewide the Project is projected to create up to 15,000 jobs during the construction phase and an estimated 1,000 positions for ongoing operations. It is the single largest investment in Alaska's history and will provide significant economic benefits and decades of natural gas to all Alaskans.

The Alaska LNG Project faces challenges unique to Alaska due to no existing infrastructure. Everything must be constructed from the ground up. Arctic weather conditions for construction may require a 12-year period prior to starting the Project. This is why the requested authorization in the amount of 20 million metric tons per year of LNG for a term of 30 years is necessary to support a project of this size and scope.

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As Alaska and its supply of natural gas are geographically separate from the Lower 48 United States, Alaska LNG Project LLC's application should not be subject to DOE/FE's existing Order of Precedence for Processing Non-FTA LNG Export Applications nor should it be subject to any new procedures adopted as a result of DOE/FE's proposed procedural change for processing Non-FTA LNG export applications. The many unique factors facing the Alaska LNG Project require a conditional authorization that will allow the Project to proceed with the commercial and engineering work necessary for development and construction of the Project.

In conclusion, the existing Presidential Finding Concerning Alaska Natural Gas satisfies the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act's requirement for exports of natural gas from Alaska. I support the assertion that this Presidential Finding is valid and applicable to the Alaska LNG Project.

I confidently believe the export authorization sought by the Alaska LNG Project is wholly consistent with the public interest of Alaska and the nation. As the Speaker of the Alaska House, I write to request that you approve this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Chenault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Mike Chenault
Speaker, Alaska State House of Representatives