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Washington, DC 20585

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VIA EMAIL

May 7, 2019

Dear Ms. Roemele:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy is considering an application to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) in connection with the Rio Grande LNG Project. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FERC/EIS-0287F) (Final EIS) was prepared by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC; lead agency) for the Rio Grande LNG Project. DOE was a cooperating agency in the preparation of this Final EIS.

DOE is notifying you that it has adopted the Final EIS as DOE/EIS-0519. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.3(c), DOE is not recirculating the document for comment. DOE conducted an independent review of the Final EIS and has determined that the Rio Grande LNG Project analyzed in the Final EIS is the same project for which DOE is considering authorizing LNG exports. Environmental impacts of DOE's proposed action are analyzed in the Final EIS, and DOE's adoption is in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.3).

The availability of the Final EIS was published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2019, and is entered in EPA's database as EIS No. 20190079 Please list this ***Rio Grande LNG Project Final Environmental Impact Statement*** (FERC/EIS-0287F, adopted as DOE/EIS-0519) in the ***Federal Register*** and identify the following contact person: Brian Lavoie at 202-586-2459. The Final EIS is available on the DOE NEPA website at <https://www.energy.gov/nepa/eis-0519-rio-grande-lng-project-and-rio-bravo-pipeline-project-kleberg-kenedy-willacy-and>, which may be cited in the ***Federal Register*** notice.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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