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Re: Lake Charles LNG

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Kyushu Electric Power has been discussing with Energy Transfer the possibility of long-term LNG purchases and participation in the Lake Charles LNG project for about a year. In the process, we have integrated the requests from several small and medium-sized Japanese gas and electric power companies that have been forced to consider additional LNG procurement due to the increase in geopolitical risks, but are unable to procure North American LNG on their own. We have been in vigorous discussions with ET on their behalf to secure stable LNG procurement for western Japan utilities, and as a result, we are close to reaching an agreement on specific purchase terms and conditions.

The above efforts are also recognized by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) in terms of ensuring Japan's energy security. METI intends to fully support Kyushu Electric Power's long-term LNG purchases from and equity investment in this project, in the case that the LNG export to Japan is approved and Energy Transfer reaches to the final investment decision. We also plan to receive financing and participation from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (a Japanese ECA) and Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (a Japanese government agency).

In addition to Japan, companies in South Korea and Thailand have shown strong interest in the project, both in terms of LNG supply and equity participation, making it an important project for energy security in the Asian region.

We kindly ask for the understanding of the Department of Energy on the above, and request your maximum support in promptly examining and approving the export permit application to non-FTA countries for this project, which greatly contributes to the energy security of the Asian region, including Japan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kazuhiro Ikebe', written over a horizontal line.

Kazuhiro Ikebe
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