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The Honorable Brad Crabtree
Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy & Carbon Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

October 9, 2023

Subject: Lake Charles LNG Application for Export Authorization

Dear Secretary Crabtee:

I am writing in strong support of Energy Transfer's <u>new</u> application for export authorization to non-free trade countries for Lake Charles LNG.

Energy Transfer is an established, experienced, and reliable supplier of natural gas in the US market. Reliability of supply has become a key issue recently among non-free trade countries purchasing US LNG and Shell very much values Energy Transfer's credibility to deliver on what it promises.

As a global LNG portfolio player, and given our past involvement in the project, we have spent considerable time and effort evaluating Lake Charles LNG. In August 2022, Shell NA LNG LLC entered into a long-term contract to purchase LNG from Energy Transfer LNG Export, LLC, Lake Charles LNG's affiliate (Shell was previously a co-developer of the project). Understandably, we were disappointed by the Department of Energy's decision earlier this summer to not grant an extension for commencement of exports from the proposed liquefaction facility in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

We fear that the Lake Charles LNG project will not only be delayed, but ultimately cancelled if the DOE does not promptly approve this export authorization, leaving its planned buyers without their contracted LNG supply.

President Biden supports increased exports of US-produced LNG to provide cleaner energy to U.S. allies. The success of US energy diplomacy, however, depends on reliability of supply and customer confidence that US LNG will be delivered by reputable companies operating in accordance with accepted business principles. The Department's national interest evaluation should consider the environmental benefits of Lake Charles' brownfield development, the carbon capture and sequestration component of the project, as well as Energy Transfer's reputation as a reliable US energy partner.

We underscore the attention with which global customers are monitoring the Lake Charles LNG export application and urge the Department's expeditious approval in order to enable this project to progress and allow us to provide cleaner and reliable LNG from the United States to our international customers.

Yours sincerely,

Shell NA LNG LLC

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President