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Attn: Mrs. Amy Sweeney

RE: Docket No. 23-87-LNG

**Lake Charles Exports, LLC Application** 

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

Entergy Louisiana LLC (ELL) supports Lake Charles Exports, LLC's new application for long-term authorization to export liquified natural gas (LNG) to non-Free Trade Agreement countries and requests for expedited consideration from the existing Lake Charles Terminal. It is necessary for the economic well-being of the state of Louisiana, the region, and the country that the Department of Energy approve Lake Charles Exports' application as soon as possible.

Entergy Louisiana LLC is an electric utility serving over one million customers. ELL has operations in southern, central, and northern Louisiana, covering 58 of Louisiana's 64 parishes, and is a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation, an integrated energy company engaged in electric power production, transmission, and retail distribution operations that delivers electricity to three million customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas through its operating companies. ELL invests in the reliability and resilience of the energy system while helping our region and industrial customers transition to cleaner, more efficient energy solutions.

The Gulf Coast of Louisiana is vital to the economic livelihood of the region and the country. Louisiana is the highest exporting state sending \$120 billion in goods and services to the rest of the U.S. and supports infrastructure that supplies 90% of the national outer continental shelf oil and gas. The export of LNG from the existing Lake Charles Terminal will strengthen Louisiana's local and regional economy through resource development, an enhanced tax base, direct and indirect job creation, and economic activity.

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Given that the Lake Charles LNG export facility will utilize significant existing infrastructure at the Lake Charles Terminal, environmental impacts from the construction of the export facility will be limited. The Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have concluded that this project complies with applicable Federal environmental laws and that, considering the environmental conditions that Lake Charles Exports has agreed to follow, this project will satisfy acceptable and prudent environmental standards.

ELL strongly encourages approval of Lake Charles Exports' application as soon as possible to allow this project to proceed and benefit our community.

Sincerely,

Phillip R. May, President & CEO

Entergy Louisiana, LLC