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Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement  
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management  
Forrestal Building  
Room 3E-056  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20585  
Attn: Mrs. Amy Sweeney

Dear Mrs. Sweeney,

On behalf of Louisiana Economic Development (LED), I would like to formally express my full support of Lake Charles Exports, LLC's (LCE) application to the DOE Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (DOE/FECM) for long-term multi-contract authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-Free Trade Agreement countries from the existing Lake Charles Terminal.

LED is responsible for strengthening the state's business environment and creating a more vibrant Louisiana economy. Expanding and retaining in-state businesses, enhancing workforce development solutions, along with cultivating small business, innovation, and entrepreneurship, are key economic development strategies LED utilizes to support our mission of creating jobs and driving sustainable, resilient and equitable economic growth for the people of Louisiana.

The proposed Lake Charles Terminal liquefaction facilities to be constructed in Lake Charles, Louisiana (Liquefaction Project) will have a significant impact on job creation and economic output for the state of Louisiana over the multi-year construction period. Further, once completed, the project will generate hundreds of high-quality jobs for the region related to LNG operations, tug operations and ancillary services. The export of LNG from the existing Lake Charles Terminal will provide a much-needed boost to Louisiana's local and regional economy through resource development, an enhanced tax base, direct and indirect job creation and economic activity.

LED proudly extends its support for LCE's application and respectfully requests expedited consideration. As LCE and DOE/FECM collaborate in this endeavor, please know we are grateful for your assistance with the development of a successful authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Pierson".

Don Pierson  
Secretary  
Louisiana Economic Development