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Room 3E-056
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
Attn: Ms. Amy Sweeney

November 1, 2023

**Re: Docket No. 23-87-LNG
Lake Charles Exports, LLC Application**

Dear Ms. Sweeney:

I am writing to express support for Lake Charles Exports, LLC's new application for long-term authorization to export LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement countries, and request for expedited consideration, from the existing Lake Charles Terminal.

The export of American natural gas was unfathomable two decades ago. Even as late as 2011, as DOE prepared to embark on its first consideration of LNG export authorizations, debate remained about resource availability, the impact on domestic natural gas prices and whether such facilities were in the public interest.

Today, vast resource estimates are no longer disputed. With over 12 billion cubic feet per day of LNG exports (in addition to over 6 billion cubic feet of natural gas exported via pipeline), Henry Hub prices remain incredibly low, and the economic, geopolitical and environmental reasons for expanding LNG exports remain compelling.

From an economic impact standpoint, Lake Charles LNG will create over 3,000 construction jobs and generate billions of dollars of overall construction expenditures. 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 boost Louisiana's local and regional economy through resource development, an enhanced tax base, direct and indirect job creation and economic activity.

McNeese State University is developing an LNG Center of Excellence to take advantage of our location at the epicenter of American LNG. Our mission is to create opportunities for students to work in the globally important industry, to expand collaboration and research into best practices among the industry and to establish our university as thought leader in the LNG space. Lake Charles LNG has been a committed partner to the University over the years, and we look



forward to their involvement in LNG research, best practices and preparing the industry's future workforce.

I strongly encourage you to approve Lake Charles Exports application as soon as possible to allow this long overdue project to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason French". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason French
Executive Director
LNG Center of Excellence at McNeese State