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Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement
Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management
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Room 3E-056
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585
Attn: Mrs. Amy Sweeney
RE: Docket No. 23-87-LNG
Lake Charles Exports, LLC Application

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By Docket Room at 11/02/2023 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Sweeney:

I write on behalf of a new organization, Louisiana Energy Export Partners, LEEP. I am writing to express our strong support for Lake Charles Exports, LLC's new application for long-term authorization to export LNG. In addition, we respectfully request expedited consideration, from the existing Lake Charles Terminal. We passionately believe this project is a vital piece of the economic well-being of, not just the state of Louisiana, but the entire country. We are therefore encouraging the Department of Energy to approve Lake Charles Exports' application as soon as possible.

You are likely aware that this project will have a positive impact on job creation in the Gulf Coast region of our country for the years of construction required—perhaps as many as 3,000 estimated construction jobs during peak construction and billions of dollars of overall construction expenditures. In addition, once completed, the project will generate hundreds of full-time high-quality jobs for the region. And as an additional bonus, the export of LNG from the existing Lake Charles Terminal will provide a critical boost to Louisiana's local and regional economy through resource development, an enhanced tax base, job creation and additional economic activity that is always generated by such projects.

I want you to also know that as a native of Louisiana, I love our state, its people, and its natural beauty. The Lake Charles LNG export facility will utilize significant existing infrastructure at the Lake Charles Terminal, so environmental impacts from the construction of the export facility will be limited. We were all excited to see that extensive environmental review has already been completed by the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. These knowledgeable and respected agencies have concluded that this project complies with applicable Federal environmental laws and given the conditions of the agreement, we can all feel confident that this project will likely meet and exceed all acceptable, prudent, and required environmental standards.

I strongly encourage you to approve Lake Charles Exports' application as soon as possible. Our state and our nation are sorely in need of this project. Thank you for your kind and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Hayden", is written over a white background.

Randy Hayden
Louisiana Energy Export Partners (LEEP)