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Dear Assistant Secretary Smith:

I am writing to express my support for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the 3rd Congressional District of Louisiana to global markets. Specifically, I write in support of the SCT&E LNG project, being development by Southern California Telephone Company - Docket No. 14-98-LNG. Natural gas is an integral part of Louisiana's energy economy, creating jobs and economic development in all sectors of the natural gas value chain in South Louisiana, and throughout the nation.

The SCT&E LNG project is a proposed \$9.25 billion export facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, south of the City of Lake Charles. The 246-acre project site lies along the Calcasieu Ship Channel, fewer than three miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected the project will create approximately 2,000 construction jobs and support additional employment opportunities for 16,500 to 23,000 people nationwide.

On December 15, 2014, SCT&E LNG received authorization from the U.S. Department of Energy to export 4 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of LNG to countries with whom the U.S. already has a free trade agreement. Additionally, the project is seeking authorization from both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy to export 12.0 million tonnes per annum of LNG to non-FTA countries.

The United States has become a critical player in the global energy markets, with our recent record natural gas production. Louisiana's existing pipeline infrastructure and economic development incentives make the state a top competitor for LNG exports in the national and international marketplace for years to come. These valuable and significant advantages should be capitalized upon now. I respectfully request every proper consideration be provided to SCT&E LNG's application.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Boustany, Jr. MD
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