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Mr. John A. Anderson Office of Fossil Energy United States Department of Energy Docket Room 3F-056, FE-50 Forrestal Building 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585

RE:

Alaska LNG Project LLC, Docket No. 14-96-LNG

Support of Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Associated General Contractors of Alaska (AGC) is a trade association representing over 650 Alaskan businesses in the construction industry. I am writing to you in strong support of the application filed by Alaska LNG Project LLC (the Project). The Project is proposed to export LNG to both Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement countries. It would be the largest integrated natural gas/LNG project of its kind ever designed and constructed, with an estimated cost of \$45 billion to \$65 billion. No other single project is as important to Alaska's economic future as this massive infrastructure project.

The Project would provide significant economic benefits to Alaskans including state revenues, new job opportunities and access to decades of domestically produced natural gas for homes and businesses in Alaska. The Project is expected to create up to 15,000 jobs during construction and approximately 1,000 jobs for operation of the Project and would have positive economic impacts on Alaska and the United States as a whole.

The requested 30 year authorization of 20 million metric tons per year of LNG is necessary to support a project of this size and scope. Unlike proposed projects in the Lower 48 United States, there is no existing infrastructure for the Project and each component must be constructed from the ground up. The Project will also be faced with challenging Arctic construction conditions that may require up to a 12-year total development period prior to the Project's commencement.

As Alaska and its supply of natural gas are geographically separate from the contiguous United States, the many unique factors facing the Project require a conditional authorization that will allow the Project to proceed with the commercial and engineering work necessary for development and construction.

Finally, the existing Presidential Finding Concerning Alaska Natural Gas satisfies the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act's requirement for exports of natural gas from Alaska. We support the assertion that this Presidential Finding is valid and applicable to the Alaska LNG Project.

We believe that the export authorization sought by the Alaska LNG Project is fully consistent with both the public interest of Alaska and the nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

John MacKinnon
Executive Director

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