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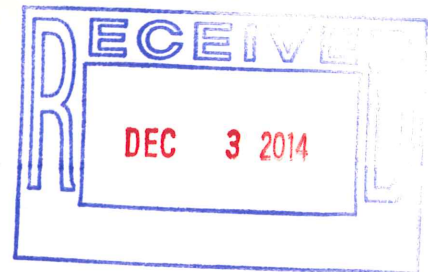
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SENATOR CATHY GIESSEL

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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:

As Chair of Alaska's Senate Resources Committee, I write in strong support of the application filed by Alaska LNG Project LLC for a long-term license to export LNG to both Free Trade Agreement and Non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

This project, unprecedented in size and complexity, is estimated to cost \$45 - \$65 billion dollars and would bring an estimated 15,000 construction jobs and 1,000 operations jobs to the state of Alaska making it Alaska's single most important infrastructure project since the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. As evident in the application, this project would provide decades of affordable gas (20 million metric tons per year) not only to Alaska residents and businesses, but would also have ample amounts available to export to the U.S. and international markets.

With the liquefaction plant to be constructed in Nikiski, an export and refinery hub located in south central Alaska, abundant natural gas resources would be unlocked from the North Slope, providing for new job opportunities and economic prosperity for the state, along with significant benefit to the United States as a whole. The positive economic impacts of the Alaska LNG Project are illustrated in a study that is attached to the submitted application.

Because of the unique and unprecedented investment required by a project of this magnitude, I believe the 30-year export term and 12-year commencement term is justified, given the difficulties of this mega project being constructed in Alaska's challenging arctic terrain.

This is truly a unique and state-of-the-art project for many reasons: the 12-year lead time necessary for construction, no existing infrastructure at this date, the multitudes of terrain and climate the gas line will have to traverse, the location being geographically separated from the rest of the United States, and that it is one of the largest projects ever to be built in North America.

For all these reasons the Alaska LNG Project LLC's application should not be subject to DOE/FE's existing Order of Precedence for Processing Non-FTA LNG Export Applications. In addition, given its uniqueness and construction challenges, the Alaska LNG Project would require a conditional authorization allowing the Project to proceed with the commercial and engineering work necessary for development and construction of the Project.

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. I support the assertion that this Presidential Finding is valid and would apply to the Alaska LNG Project. I urge you to approve this application as the Alaska LNG Project is of utmost importance to Alaska's citizens and would allow the U.S. to be less reliant on not-always-reliable foreign sources of natural gas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy Giessel".

Senator Cathy Giessel
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