



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

January 19, 2016

The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the Alaska State House
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault:

Thank you for your letter dated November 13, 2015, expressing support for the application from ConocoPhillips (in DOE/FE Docket No. 15-149-LNG) seeking authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) for two years in a volume equivalent to 40 billion cubic feet of natural gas from Kenai, Alaska. As you stated, ConocoPhillips seeks to export this LNG to countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement that require national treatment for trade in natural gas (non-FTA countries), which includes Japan.

ConocoPhillips has two, two-year active authorizations to export LNG from Kenai, Alaska, to non-FTA countries in DOE/FE Order 3418 in FE Docket 13-155-LNG, and to Free Trade Agreement Countries in DOE/FE Order 3392 in FE Docket No. 13-154-LNG. ConocoPhillips's application referenced in your letter seeks to renew both the FTA and non-FTA authorizations effective February 19, 2016.

Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act requires DOE to conduct a public interest review of applications to export LNG to non-FTA countries and to grant the applications unless DOE finds that the proposed exports will not be consistent with the public interest. Under this provision, DOE performs a thorough public interest review before issuing an order. DOE is committed to processing pending export applications to non-FTA countries expeditiously.

Your letter of support has been included in the dockets and your comments will be given consideration in those reviews.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 586-7296.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. DeHoratiis".

Guido DeHoratiis
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Oil and Natural Gas

