



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 27, 2016

The Honorable Roger Wicker  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wicker:

Thank you for your letter of June 6th to Secretary Moniz expressing support for the SeaOne Gulfport, LLC (SeaOne) application, in DOE/FE Docket No. 16-22-CGL, to export Compressed Gas Liquid (CGL) from the Port of Gulfport, Mississippi, to countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (non-FTA countries) that are located in or adjoining the Caribbean Basin and the Gulf of Mexico. I have been asked to respond on the Secretary's behalf.

The Department of Energy (DOE) previously granted SeaOne long-term authority to export natural gas contained in CGL to countries with which the United States has a free trade agreement (FTA) that requires national treatment for trade in natural gas located in or adjoining the Caribbean Basin and the Gulf of Mexico. That FTA export authority was granted pursuant to section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) in DOE/FE Docket No. 14-83-CGL on December 2, 2014.

Section 3(a) of the NGA requires DOE to conduct a public interest review of applications to export natural gas 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. Your letter of support has been included in the docket and your comments will be considered in the public interest review.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Jed D'Ercole, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith".

Christopher A. Smith  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Fossil Energy

