

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz:

We have been following the efforts of SeaOne Gulfport, LLC to obtain DOE approval to export Compressed Gas Liquid (CGL) from Gulfport, Mississippi, to non-Free Trade Agreement (NFTA) countries in the Caribbean. We are concerned to learn of your Department's continued delay in considering this application, which was filed nearly a year ago.

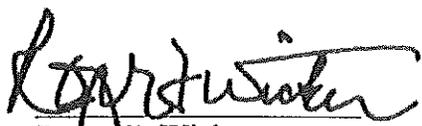
At the time its application was filed, SeaOne had already received authorization from the Department to export CGL to Free Trade Agreement countries. Approval of the NFTA application would not increase the quantities of natural gas SeaOne is authorized to export.

We understand that after nearly a year of inaction by the Department, SeaOne filed a motion for expedited approval on August 5, 2016, which must be acted on within 30 days or it will be denied. We see no basis for denial, and we believe it would be unjust for the Department to fail to act.

The United States has committed to assist NFTA countries in the Caribbean in their development of clean and economically sustainable energy economies. Contrary to these commitments, further delay in approving CGL exports from Gulfport could force these countries to continue their reliance on more expensive and more carbon-intensive energy sources. This could result in adverse economic impacts on U.S. allies and excessive carbon emissions from small island and low-lying coastal countries, which have endorsed CGL as an efficient and economic energy solution. Natural gas is a clean and economic fuel for vehicles, plants, and domestic uses. It is also an essential element in our Caribbean allies' efforts to meet their goals and develop robust economies driven by clean energy.

It is our opinion that SeaOne's application should be approved without further delay.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.



Roger F. Wicker
United States Senator



Steven Palazzo
United States Representative