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U.S. Department of Energy  
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Re: FE Docket No. 11-59-LNG, Lake Charles Exports, LLC  
Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas  

Dear Mr. Anderson:  

I am writing to convey my support for the application of Lake Charles Exports, LLC (LCE) for authorization to export Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Southern Union Company’s (SUG) Lake Charles, Louisiana terminal. As you know, Lake Charles Export, LLC is a jointly owned subsidiary of BG Group plc (BG Group) and SUG. 

BG Group and SUG have a long history of involvement in the Louisiana business community. Specifically, BG Group has invested significantly in shale gas exploration and production in my Northwest Louisiana district, creating jobs and promoting economic development. Further, a BG Group subsidiary has held all capacity rights at Lake Charles since 2001, and together BG Group and SUG continue to make strong investments in area communities and the terminal.  

The advent of shale gas exploration and production in the United States has bolstered our economy and added dramatically to our nation’s natural gas reserves. The industry’s contributions are evident across the Haynesville shale play in my district, where natural gas related activity has strengthened the local tax base, provided new jobs, and encouraged small business expansion. By facilitating exports of LNG from the proposed terminal, natural gas producers in Louisiana and other states will have access to new market opportunities abroad, ensuring the U.S. LNG industry continues adding value to our national economy in the years to come.  

Accordingly, I respectfully request you provide full consideration to Lake Charles Export’s pending application before the Department of Energy. Thank you for your interest in this matter and your continued commitment to American energy independence. 

Sincerely,  

[Signature]

JOHN FLEMING, M.D.  
Member of Congress