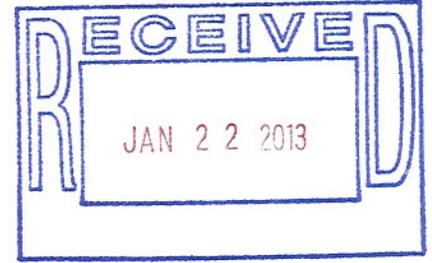


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Mr. John A. Anderson  
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RE: Golden Pass Products, LLC  
Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas  
FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and the Southeast Texas Economic Development Foundation, I am writing in support of the Golden Pass Products, LLC application for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

Golden Pass Products, LLC is proposing to invest about \$10 billion in infrastructure to expand the Golden Pass LNG facility, an existing import terminal positioned on the Sabine-Neches Waterway in Sabine Pass, Texas. The project would export LNG to Free Trade Agreement and non-Free Trade Agreement countries. Such a significant investment would serve as an economic catalyst to the region by creating thousands of jobs, increasing tax revenues, and generating extensive economic activity.

Beaumont is a focal point and energy gateway for the modern oil and gas industry with related chemical manufacturing. The Spindletop Oilfield was discovered south of Beaumont in the early 1900s and is credited for the rise of the modern petroleum industry. We have a strong relationship with the refining and petrochemical industry and the connections extend to our 1100 chamber members. Our economic development foundation serves the entire region with assistance to small businesses for real estate loans and expansions.

The jobs created by the construction and operations of the export project would generate billions of dollars in economic activity. Such economic growth would lead to significant investment in the development of the region with improved quality of life for Southeast Texas area residents.

Golden Pass Products has much to offer the future of Beaumont and Jefferson County. I strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to promptly approve the Golden Pass Products application to export LNG to non-FTA countries.

Sincerely,

James E. Rich  
President

