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**Re: Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P. and FLNG Liquefaction, LLC Application
for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas
FE Docket No. 10-161-LNG**

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am writing on behalf of the Texas Oil & Gas Association (TXOGA) in support of Freeport LNG's application for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas. TXOGA is the oldest and largest trade association in the state representing petroleum interests. The membership of TXOGA, approximately 4,000 members strong, produces in excess of 92-percent of Texas' crude oil and natural gas, is responsible for some 95-percent of the state's refining capacity, and operates a vast majority of the state's pipeline mileage.

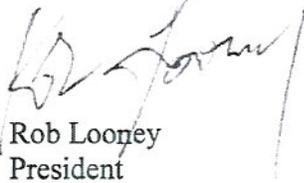
TXOGA supports Freeport LNG's project because it believes that the United States has abundant supplies of natural gas and that exporting LNG will create a new market for domestic resources without significantly impacting the price or availability of natural gas to domestic consumers. Our members are actively involved in the development of extensive new shale gas resources in Texas and many other states, and they are working diligently to install the infrastructure necessary to deliver these new supplies to markets. We believe the irreversibility of the shale gas revolution is evidenced by the following factors:

- Natural gas production in the United States continues to increase despite historically low gas prices and significant barriers to access to onshore and offshore federal and state lands and water;

- New market entrants continue to make multi-billion dollar outlays to participate in shale gas plays through joint ventures and direct investment; and
- The number of rigs drilling for natural gas remains steady despite the conditions referenced above, environmental permitting challenges, high lease expenses, tight supplies of materials and equipment, and regional labor shortages.

With respect to the latter, the investments that our members and their industry colleagues across the country are making are creating tens if not hundreds of thousands of jobs. Exporting LNG would further enhance the economic development impact of the shale gas revolution, and we encourage the DOE to approve Freeport LNG's long-term export application.

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Looney
President