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Mr. John A. Anderson  
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**Re: Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC  
Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Domestically Produced Liquefied Natural Gas for a 25-Year Period  
FE Docket No. 12-05-LNG**

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am writing on behalf of Development Corporation of Mercedes in support of Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC's application for long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The Development Corporation of Mercedes is a publicly funded not-for-profit corporation, which was established to create jobs in the City of Mercedes by attracting new industry and business as well as assisting new businesses to expand. The Development Corporation of Mercedes believes Gulf Coast LNG Exports, LLC's investment would spur significant development throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

As you are aware, Gulf Coast LNG is proposing a significant new investment to construct facilities in Brownsville, Texas that would allow for the receipt and liquefaction of natural gas and the export of LNG. We support the Gulf Coast LNG project because of the significant job creation and positive economic impact it will have to our community. Brownsville, Texas has a large population looking for good paying permanent jobs. The Gulf Coast LNG project will help the Brownsville community by supplying thousands of jobs, increasing the local tax base and improving the standard of living.

The proposed Gulf Coast LNG liquefaction and export project is important, as it will provide demand for the unconventional shale gas resources that are being developed in Texas and across the United States – thus allowing industry participants to continue their investments in these resources, and to maintain or expand employment opportunities. Sustained investment in shale gas development will benefit US consumers by driving economic stimulus, and will maintain or increase tax revenues to Federal, State and local

governments. The employment and tax benefits derived from these investments will be far reaching and are important to overall economic health and employment nationwide. Additional wells will be drilled, more treating plants will be built, more feedstock for the petrochemical industry will be produced, and our global trade deficit will be improved, all while promoting clean natural gas energy here and around the world.

For these reasons, Development Corporation of Mercedes supports the Gulf Coast LNG project and urges the DOE/FE to approve the Gulf Coast LNG liquefaction and export project.

Thank you for your consideration

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Gonzalez', written in a cursive style.

Albert Gonzalez, Executive Director