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Mr. John A. Anderson
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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Oil & Gas Global Supply & Security
Office of Fossil Energy
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Washington, D.C. 20585

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,

This letter serves to avidly support Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC's application for long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas.

I have been founding TriChair for both Imagine Brownsville and United Brownsville for the past 5 years, where the community developed a grass-roots effort in developing a 10+year Comprehensive Plan, winning first place in community planning throughout the State of Texas out of 44 communities. The Imagine Phase and the Implementation Phase of the plan are highly successful because of the collaborative ongoing efforts of each of the 8 public entities and the private sector. All public entities have had Strategic Plans, however, they were historically done in silos, without taking into consideration other entities' plans. Since 2008, all entities (City of Brownsville, University of Texas-Brownsville, Texas Southmost College, Brownsville Public Utilities, BND/Port of Brownsville, BISD, GBIC/Brownsville Economic Development Council, Brownsville Community Investment Council) have been working together, sharing the same vision, sharing resources to make the Brownsville Borderplex and region the best that it can be in the future.

The successes have been and continue to be many, and the merits of the proposed Gulf Coast LNG facilities are directly in line with the goals and strategies of our collaborative Imagine Brownsville Comprehensive Plan. Being one of the lowest socioeconomic areas in the United States, some of our highest priorities are to seek certain industries for our region that will provide a blend of opportunities for multiple sectors: higher compensated employment, together with educational opportunity, together with increasing the local taxbase and improving the standard of living, all for long term sustainability.

The proposed Gulf Coast LNG liquefaction and export project is important: it will also provide demand for the unconventional shale gas resources being developed in Texas and across the U.S., allowing industry participants to continue their investments in these resources. Sustained investment in shale gas development will also benefit US consumers by driving economic stimulus, and will maintain or increase tax revenues to all levels of government. 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.

I am also President/CEO of IBC Bank, Brownsville, a \$1 Billion Bank, heavily involved in community planning and development efforts. For all of the above stated reasons, IBC Bank supports the Gulf Coast LNG project and strongly urges the DOE/FE to approve it.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred W. Rusteberg', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Fred W. Rusteberg
President/CEO
IBC Bank