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Mr. John A. Anderson  
Manager, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
Office of Oil & Gas Global Supply & Security  
Office of Fossil Energy  
Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
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,

I am writing on behalf of Rio South Texas Economic Council in support of Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC's application for long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG). Rio South Texas Economic Council strives to attract new business investment and job opportunities to the four-county region at the southern-most tip of Texas. Gulf Coast LNG's proposed project would help us in meeting our goals.

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. The Rio South Texas region has a large population looking for good paying permanent jobs. The Gulf Coast LNG project will help the Rio South Texas 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 Rio South Texas Economic Council 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 black ink that reads "Raudel Garza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raudel Garza  
Executive Director  
Rio South Texas Economic Council

cc: Manuel Ortiz, Port of Brownsville