

**COMMENTS OF DENNIS GEORGE
TO DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S
NERA LNG STUDY**

My name is Dennis George. I retired from the United States Army in 2000 with the rank of Colonel. I served as a Combat Engineer Officer and an Army Aviator in Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe. I graduated from the University of Nevada Reno with degrees in Mathematics and Economics and earned a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Utah. After retirement I taught classes in Economics at the university level.

I support the exportation of LNG for several reasons: (1) the United States is a world economic power and exportation of LNG will only add to our status among our allies; (2) for every one of the market scenarios examined, net economic benefits increased as the level of LNG exports increased; (3) exporting some of America's abundant natural gas to global markets is a major opportunity for the U.S., and generates investment and jobs; (4) exports would also improve the nation's balance of trade. Overseas sales of LNG would result in a "wealth transfer" into the U.S. Over the last 10 years, the U.S. has run an annual average trade deficit of over one-half trillion dollars (2011 US trade deficit -\$560 billion); (5) LNG exports will not only drive additional production, but also support thousands of additional jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction, and operation of the export infrastructure, as well as others indirectly along the equipment supply chain.

To support the LNG exports, the NERA Study uses production data from the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) 2011 World Energy Outlook, published in 2010. Based on EIA's latest Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2013 Early Release report, natural gas production levels are 15% higher. This is important to note, because even greater amounts of natural gas would be available not only to meet export needs, but also available to meet domestic demand.

The NERA Study concludes that allowing LNG exports will benefit our economy: "the U.S. was projected to gain net economic benefits from allowing LNG exports. Moreover, for every one of the market scenarios examined, net economic benefits increased as the level of LNG exports increased." NERA concludes, "the average annual increase in revenues from LNG exports ranges from about \$2.6 billion to almost \$32.9 billion". The additional gas production associated with exports would also generate billions of dollars annually in much needed federal and state government revenue.

For the reasons stated above I respectfully ask that the DOE approve the LNG Export applications currently under consideration.

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