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The Honorable Steven Chu U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34) Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, Office of Fossil Energy

VIA Email: LNGStudy@hq.doe.gov

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of the State Chamber of Oklahoma in support of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. The State Chamber of Oklahoma represents over 2,000 businesses, including manufacturers, utilities, oil and natural gas companies, agricultural producers, like-minded organizations and many more across the business spectrum. The State Chamber's mission is to create a pro-business climate that grows our state's economy, creates jobs and spurs investment in Oklahoma.

The State Chamber of Oklahoma strongly supports enhanced production of domestic energy resources and views LNG exports as a significant opportunity. As one of the leading oil and natural gas states in the nation, Oklahomans have benefitted from technological advancements, such as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. These advancements have opened new areas of exploration in Oklahoma for oil and natural gas and have boosted the economy with new jobs and residual economic effects in the state's historic oilfields that were suffering economically in recent years.

One out of every three dollars spent in Oklahoma is directly or indirectly tied to the oil and natural gas industry. The industry contributes to nearly one-third of Oklahoma's total tax revenues. Depressed natural gas prices only limit Oklahoma's economic growth and ability to meet our citizens' needs.

The Department of Energy's approval of applications to export LNG will improve the domestic energy market and can help prevent fluctuating adjustments in natural gas exploration and production. Low natural gas prices force companies to slow or halt production and exploration efforts, which costs Oklahoma jobs and state revenue. In the last two years, Oklahoma's natural gas wells have reduced by nearly 3,000.

Allowing exportation of LNG will also benefit consumers by controlling the natural gas market. Stable prices benefit all consumers, residential and businesses.

The State Chamber of Oklahoma urges the Department of Energy to approve applications to export liquified natural gas₇Oklahoma would benefit greatly from additional market opportunities for its natural gas products.

Sincerely

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