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RE: 2012 LNG Export Study

My name is Dennis Virden. I am a resident of Minnesota and a retired Major in The US Army. I am submitting these comments in response to the 2012 LNG Report.

The ability of the United States to produce natural gas to use for domestic consumption and for export represents the most exciting development in energy development in 50 years. The economic benefit to the country is beyond anything imaginable just a few short years ago. That belief was confirmed by the EIA and NERA.

Yet another positive development from exporting LNG would be the positive impact on the trade balance and increased national security for the US and its allies. Stabilization of world energy markets is yet another by product of exporting LNG from the United States.

And of Course in these challenging economic times, the huge impact LNG exports will have on our economy from the thousands of new jobs and billions of new investment cannot be discounted. The NERA study estimates that as a result of LNG exports, the US economy would grow by \$15 billion.

In conclusion, I believe that very clearly the United States can produce enough natural gas to use at home and export to our allies around the world.