

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for allowing me to submit a reply comment on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) NERA LNG study.

My name is Gary E. Lambert. I am a former New Hampshire State Senator (2010-2012), Patent/Trademark Attorney and a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. I live in Nashua, New Hampshire. I am authoring this reply comment in support of the positive comments of the NERA LNG Export Study.

According to Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell, LNG exports will result in "net economic benefits" for the United States, generating thousands of new jobs, billions in investment and growth in the GDP.

Additionally, the NERA study concluded that exports would:

LNG exports would drive additional natural gas production, and generate thousands of additional jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction, and operation of the export infrastructure, as well as others indirectly along the equipment supply chain.

The NERA study found that "Across all scenarios, 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."

The NERA study also concluded that U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) would increase as a result of LNG exports, rising by \$5 billion to \$20 billion under the reference case.

Finally, I am also a small businesses owner and the study shows that LNG exports will also benefit, in particular those related to natural gas exploration and production activities and those local to the specific LNG facilities that will construct, operate and maintain the facilities. According to the <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u>, more than 50,000 small businesses and more than 350,000 employees in 2010 (the latest data available), or 45 percent of total employment in the upstream oil and natural gas and support industries is provided by small businesses. Thus, the additional natural gas production that would result from LNG exports would help to sustain and expand small business development.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this matter. Gary E. Lambert Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve New Hampshire State Senator (2010-2012) Nashua, New Hampshire

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