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Re: Kenai LNG Export License

Dear Mr. Corbin,

I am writing this letter to express my support for an extension of the ConocoPhillips/Marathon Kenai LNG export license. As someone who lives and works in Alaska, I think it is important that natural gas producers continue to explore and find new reserves in the South-central area, and I think that extension of the Kenai LNG license makes further exploration more likely.

The Kenai LNG plant provides direct benefits to the local (Kenai) economy in the form of payroll and spending, but also provides benefits to the region as a whole. Amongst the positive side effects generated by the plant, I believe the most important are providing a reliable market for current and future natural gas production. Without the Kenai LNG plant, it is doubtful that the South-central utility market would be large enough to support the current level of exploration, and domestic gas prices would have to rise substantially to incentivize exploration in the absence of LNG exports.

All of the studies indicate that Cook Inlet gas resources are sufficient to support continued LNG exports without damaging the local economy or hurting local consumers. This is especially true in the short term (the period of the proposed extension), as there is no local utility demand for this gas in the 2009 to 2011 period.

For the reasons described above, the continued operation of the Kenai LNG plant is good for the area economy and good for area utility consumers. I respectfully request that the Department of Energy approve the LNG export license extension as requested by ConocoPhillips and Marathon.

Sincerely,


Keith Wiles

