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Mr. John A. Anderson
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Office of Oil & Gas Global Supply & Security
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC
Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Domestically Produced
Liquefied Natural Gas for a 25-Year Period
FE Docket No. 12-05-LNG

Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am writing in support of Gulf Coast LNG Export, LLC's application for long-term authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG). Cameron County, the eight largest County in Texas, understands the importance of long term investments at the Port of Brownsville - the local economic engine that fuels our economy. The Port of Brownsville is a vital component to the region and as the County Commissioner that represents the Port of Brownsville I am in full support of this project.

As you are aware, Gulf Coast LNG is proposing a significant new investment to construct facilities in Brownsville, Texas that would allow for the receipt and liquefaction of natural gas and the export of LNG. We support the Gulf Coast LNG project because of the significant job creation and positive economic impact it will have to our community. Brownsville and Cameron County, Texas has a large population looking for good paying permanent jobs. The Gulf Coast LNG project will help the Cameron County community by supplying thousands of jobs, increasing the local tax base and improving the standard of living.

The proposed Gulf Coast LNG liquefaction and export project is important, as it will provide demand for the unconventional shale gas resources that are being developed in Texas and across

the United States – thus allowing industry participants to continue their investments in these resources, and to maintain or expand employment opportunities. Sustained investment in shale gas development will benefit US consumers by driving economic stimulus, and will maintain or increase tax revenues to Federal, State and local governments. The employment and tax benefits derived from these investments will be far reaching and are important to overall economic health and employment nationwide. Additional wells will be drilled, more treating plants will be built, more feedstock for the petrochemical industry will be produced, and our global trade deficit will be improved, all while promoting clean natural gas energy here and around the world.

For these reasons, I support the Gulf Coast LNG project and urge the DOE/FE to approve the Gulf Coast LNG liquefaction and export project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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