



June 1, 2017

The Honorable Rick Perry, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, LNG Allies is a nonprofit organization formed in 2014 for the purpose of bringing U.S. natural gas producers and LNG exporters together with LNG importers and potential gas customers in major world markets. We started with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe—where we have worked closely with the nations of that region for the last three years—and have recently expanded our reach to include other nations in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East.

LNG Allies is striving to unite and lead the U.S. LNG export community. Our mission is to expedite and maximize LNG exports to create U.S. jobs and economic growth, enhance the energy security of America's allies, and improve human and environmental conditions worldwide. We are pleased that you and other executive branch leaders share these same goals.

I am writing for two reasons:

First, let me congratulate you on today's announcement granting Delfin LNG a license to export U.S. natural gas to nations that do not have free trade agreements (FTAs) with the United States. This is the second non-FTA authorization that you have signed in your first weeks in office, and by acting quickly to grant these authorization requests, you have not only advanced two very meritorious projects, but also sent a signal to those watching these issues that the Trump administration is "all in" when it comes to U.S. LNG exports. On behalf of those we represent, let me thank you for your timely authorizations.

Second, recent news stories have stated that the U.S. government has been discussing a joint LNG communique with the government of Japan. If these reports are accurate (as we believe them to be), LNG Allies strongly backs the efforts of both governments to develop a common LNG "framework," and we urge you to continue working to replicate such bilateral efforts with other nations (including China, which is already well underway). We also urge you to keep making it crystal clear to America's trading partners that DOE's LNG authorizations (including to non-FTA nations) remain a "routine matter" with strong bipartisan support.

Mr. Secretary, this is an exciting time for the U.S. energy export industry. We are pleased to know that you and other U.S. government leaders share our enthusiasm, and we want you to know that your continuing efforts to promote U.S. natural gas and expedite LNG exports is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred H. Hutchison", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Fred H. Hutchison, Executive Director
LNG Allies