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The Honorable Richard Glick
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
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Chairman Glick:

Sir, I ask you to join me in focused consideration and full support of the Driftwood LNG project in Louisiana. With recent reports indicating a court challenge, FERC is the lead federal oversight body responsible for ensuring the development of safe, reliable, secure, and efficient natural gas infrastructure.¹ Natural gas supplies about 1/3 of the United States' primary energy consumption, with its main uses being heating and generating electricity. Additionally, the United States is in a prime position to support our European and Asian partners with LNG products due to the war in Ukraine.

The Driftwood LNG project consists of two main components: the construction and operation of the main facility, which includes five refineries to liquefy natural gas, three tanks to store the LNG, carrier loading/berthing facilities; and the construction and operation of about 96 miles of pipeline. This also includes three new compressor stations, and 15 new meter stations in Calcasieu Parish, La. The project would produce as much as 27.6 million tonnes/year of LNG for export and support 7,000 jobs.

One of the concerns raised by environmental groups is the potential adverse effects the project could have on local wetlands. While I am supportive of ensuring that projects meet environmental regulatory requirements, I was pleased to see that Driftwood has provided detailed plans to FERC and other agencies regarding proper, ecologically sound mitigation to protect and preserve prime farmland soils and wetlands.²

The project was subject to vigorous regulatory review from FERC, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, FERC and Driftwood have held public meetings and debates on the impact of the project and extensive mitigation measures outlined in the project that ensure the protection of Louisiana wetlands.³ Furthermore, this project has been supported by state and local regulators as well.

As our nation has seen over the last year, high energy prices are crushing American families and are empowering foreign adversaries. We must move forward with American energy projects, and, for the sake of Louisiana, America and indeed the entire world, I implore you and your fellow Commissioners to fully support the Driftwood LNG project.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins
Member of Congress

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