



GREATER NEW ORLEANS
INC
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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St. Charles
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The Honorable Cheryl A. LaFleur
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman LaFleur:

Greater New Orleans, Inc. serves southeastern Louisiana with the following goals: to create wealth, foster business development, and market the region in ways that improve business conditions. For these reasons, we want to express our support for Venture Global LNG's planned liquefied natural gas export project in Plaquemines Parish.

Plaquemines LNG is a multibillion dollar project which will bring jobs and opportunity to a community that will greatly benefit them; this is particularly important because when Plaquemines Parish does better economically, Greater New Orleans does better as a region. We are counting on Plaquemines LNG to strengthen our state's business environment, to create jobs locally and provide leadership in the community.

It is our understanding that Plaquemines LNG will create up to 1,500 jobs in each of its two construction phases, as well as 300 permanent jobs when the facility is fully operational. In our interactions with Plaquemines LNG, we believe that they are leaders and are well respected in their industry. We believe that, given their past track record, this project will result in economic stability that will enable the company to profit and grow and their employees to grow along with the company. We believe that they will also show leadership in their commitment to the local environment as well as the fishermen, families and all community members who benefit from its protection.

As the Plaquemines LNG project advances through FERC's regulatory approval process, please consider our unwavering support for the project and all that our region stands to gain from it.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,