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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:  
OEP/DG2E/Gas 2  
Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC  
and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.  
Sabine Pass LNG Liquefaction Project  
Docket No. PF10-24-000

Patricia Outtrim  
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Cheniere Energy, Inc.  
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**Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request**

Dear Ms. Outtrim:

Thank you for your letter, filed July 26, 2010, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.'s (collectively referred to as Sabine Pass) planned Sabine Pass LNG Liquefaction Project (Project). We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, Sabine Pass plans to construct four LNG liquefaction trains, each capable of processing up to 0.7 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas. The Project would also require new and remodeled buildings and infrastructure, a new pipeline interconnect with the Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, and modification of the electric generation facilities.

Your letter also stated that Sabine Pass intends to file an application no later than February 2011. When Sabine Pass files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on our success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act documentation. We have selected Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E&E) as the third-party contractor to

work under the direct supervision and control of the Commission staff. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with E&E so work may begin as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, Maggie Suter at (202) 502-6463.

Sincerely,

Jeff C. Wright  
Director  
Office of Energy Projects

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