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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project Number  
CREOLE TRAIL LNG AND PIPELINE PROJECT : PF05-8-000  
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Cameron Multi-Purpose Building  
122 Smith Circle  
Cameron, Louisiana

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

The above-entitled matter came on for scoping  
meeting, pursuant to notice at 7:20 p.m.

MODERATORS: DOUG SIPE, FERC  
MEDHA KOCHHAR, FERC

## P R O C E E D I N G S

(7:20 p.m.)

MS. KOCHHAR: I'm so glad to see so many people here. It's nice to see a good representation, and I hope we will be able to exchange more ideas with you about the project and make this project a successful one.

My name is Medha Kochhar. I am the Project Manager for the Creole Trail LNG and Pipeline Project. Today, with me is Doug Sipe. He is the Deputy Project Manager, and we have Fran Lowell, and she is with NRG, our third-party contractor for the EIS preparation. She's the Project Manager from NRG.

And in addition to that, we have James Little from the Corps of Engineers on the far end, and Ronnie Duke, also from the Corps of Engineers. They are going to be cooperating agencies for us, so they have equal interest in this project.

And we are looking forward to their expertise and ideas and to work with them. And I'll leave you here, and Doug will start the meeting now. Thank you.

MR. SIPE: Thanks, Medha. You guys are the winners. We had two other meetings this week, and you guys have got the greatest attendance, so a round of applause for you guys.

(Applause.)

1           MR. SIPE: Well, she introduced everybody, so I  
2           guess I have to breeze through that on my list here. But,  
3           again, good evening on behalf of the FERC. I'd like to  
4           welcome you all here tonight.

5           This project is being proposed by Creole Trail  
6           LNG and Chenier Creole Trail Pipeline Company. Let the  
7           record show that the public scoping meeting began at -- I'll  
8           get it right tonight -- 7:20 on April 27, 2005.

9           And we're even welcomed with these nice little  
10          pins from Cameron Parish. Isn't that night, so we've got to  
11          wear those tonight.

12          Again, my name is Doug Sipe, and I'm the  
13          Assistant Project Manager for the Environmental Impact  
14          Statement. Also joining us again is the Army Corps of  
15          Engineers, and they're going to give a few words a little  
16          bit later here tonight.

17          The FERC is the lead agency for the National  
18          Environmental Policy Act and review of the project, and the  
19          lead agency in the preparation of the EIS.

20          This meeting is NEPA public scoping meeting. The  
21          purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide each of you with  
22          the opportunity to give us your environmental comments on  
23          the proposed Creole Trail LNG and Pipeline Project.

24          We are here tonight to learn from you. It will  
25          help us most if your comments are as specific as possible

1 regarding the potential environmental impacts and reasonable  
2 alternatives of the proposed project. Your comments will be  
3 used to determine what issues we need to cover in the EIS.

4 If you wish to speak tonight, if you have already  
5 signed -- and we have a great speaker's list here -- and if  
6 you wish to speak later and you're not on the list, just  
7 raise your hand, shout, do a back flip, whatever you want to  
8 do. We're going to have someone walk a mike around, and  
9 whoever can speak, but wait your turn. Don't start yelling  
10 at us, because it's all on the Court Reporter, so he has to  
11 tape all of this.

12 Or you can -- if you do not wish to speak, you  
13 can pick up one of the handouts over at the table, which  
14 will provide instructions that will make it easy to send  
15 written comments in. Paul and Ross over there will help you  
16 out with anything you need.

17 On April 4, 2005, we issued a Notice of Intent to  
18 Prepare and EIS for this project. The comment period will  
19 end on May 4, 2005. Don't be alarmed with that, there are  
20 many deadlines throughout this process, but this is the  
21 first one. We'll take comments throughout for a long time,  
22 so you have a good while.

23 It is during this period that we will accept  
24 written comments on the project and there on after. That  
25 is not to say that we will not accept comments after that

1 date; we will. We will take comments throughout the review  
2 of the project.

3 There is going to be an end date; we're just not  
4 sure when it is. However, we ask that you provide comments  
5 as soon as possible, in order to give us time to analyze and  
6 research the issues.

7 I would like to add that FERC strongly encourages  
8 electronic filing of comments. The instructions for this  
9 can be located on our website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), under the E-  
10 Filing link, and, again, the handy handouts over there have  
11 all that information on them.

12 Regarding our process, we have begun a pre-filing  
13 environmental review of the project. A formal application  
14 has not been filed with the FERC, however, the FERC Staff  
15 has already started a NEPA review of the project to allow  
16 early involvement by the public, government entities, and  
17 other interested parties. Look at the crowd we've got  
18 tonight.

19 The purpose of the NEPA pre-filing process is to  
20 encourage involvement by interested stakeholders in a manner  
21 that allows for early involvement and resolution of  
22 environmental issues.

23 We are working closely with other federal and  
24 state agencies and are requesting cooperating status with  
25 those agencies at the present time. Like Medha mentioned,

1 the Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating agency, and I  
2 was made aware last night that the Coast Guard is going to  
3 be a cooperating agency.

4 We have, actually, an interagency meeting  
5 tomorrow, so hopefully we'll have a lot more cooperating  
6 agencies after that's all said and done.

7 Again, we have a handout over at the table; that  
8 table is gold. And in it, it explains the environmental  
9 review process in more detail and depicts the various public  
10 input opportunities.

11 Right now, Ronnie Duke from the Army Corps of  
12 Engineers would like to say a few things. Do you want to  
13 stand? You are going to stand.

14 MR. DUKE: Thanks, Doug. Good evening, I'm  
15 Ronnie W. Duke, and with me is James Little. We're with the  
16 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District. On  
17 behalf of Colonel Peter Rowan, District Engineer of the New  
18 Orleans District, I join with the Federal Energy Regulatory  
19 Commission in welcoming you to this public scoping meeting  
20 to construct a liquified natural gas import terminal  
21 adjacent to the Calcasieu River, approximately 118 miles of  
22 two, 42-inch diameter, 47 miles of one 42-inch diameter, and  
23 six miles of one 20-inch diameter conveyance pipelines.

24 The Corps of Engineers has been granted  
25 permitting authority under Section 10 of the Rivers and

1 Harbors Act of 1899, which prohibits the unauthorized  
2 obstruction or alteration of any navigable water of the  
3 United States, and also Section 404 of the Clean Water Act  
4 of 1972, which regulates the discharge of dredge or fill  
5 material into waters of the United States.

6 To date, the New Orleans District has not  
7 received a permit application requesting Department of the  
8 Army authorization to construct the Creole Trail LNG  
9 Terminal and Transmission Pipelines, however, a pre-  
10 application meeting was conducted on February 17, 2005, with  
11 representatives from Chenier LNG, Incorporated and Chenier  
12 Pipeline Company, concerning submittal of a permit  
13 application for the proposed terminal and pipeline  
14 facilities.

15 Upon receipt of a complete application, the New  
16 Orleans District will solicit comments from the public via  
17 30-day public notice advertisement. The Corps will evaluate  
18 the proposed work in accordance with our regulations and  
19 guidelines and in cooperation with the Federal Energy  
20 Regulatory Commission and other federal and state resource  
21 and regulatory agencies.

22 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will be  
23 the lead agency in the preparation of the Environmental  
24 Impact Statement required by the National Environmental  
25 Policy Act of 1969.

1           The Corps will be a cooperating agency in the  
2 preparation of this EIS. The Corps is neither a proponent  
3 nor opponent of the proposed action. A decision on whether  
4 to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the  
5 probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the  
6 proposed activity on the public interest.

7           That decision will reflect the national concern  
8 for both protection and utilization of important resources,  
9 and all factors which may be relevant to the proposal will  
10 be considered, such as: Conservation, economics,  
11 aesthetics, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife  
12 values, flood hazards, and the needs and welfare of the  
13 people, just to name a few.

14           The EIS process will be used to identify the  
15 impacts of the project, both beneficial, as well as  
16 detrimental.

17           As stated earlier, the purpose of this meeting is  
18 to gather information from you, the public, as to what  
19 issues you feel are important and should be addressed in the  
20 EIS. Your input is important to the evaluation of the  
21 proposed action and its potential impact on the human and  
22 biological communities, so please feel free to comment, and  
23 we look forward to hearing from you tonight.

24           If you don't feel like voicing your concerns this  
25 evening, you can submit written comments. Please do not

1 hesitate to contact myself or James Little for assistance  
2 during the permit evaluation process. Thank you.

3 MS. KOCHHAR: Thank you, Ronnie.

4 MR. SIPE: Thanks, Ronnie. I've been meaning to  
5 tell you all week that you should just say FERC, Federal  
6 Energy Regulatory Commission, and I even fumble that around.

7  
8 MR. DUKE: I wanted to be proper.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MR. SIPE: Okay, you're proper.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MR. SIPE: Great, great. Thanks again, Ronnie.

13 During our review of the project, we will  
14 assemble information from a variety of sources, including  
15 Creole Trail, you, the public, other state and local and  
16 federal agencies, and our own independent analysis and field  
17 work.

18 This week, we've done a good deal of field work  
19 on the ground, by air, by boat, so we got to see the project  
20 in detail, and it's worked out nice. We will analyze this  
21 information and prepare a Draft EIS that will be distributed  
22 to the public for comment. If you want a copy of the Draft  
23 EIS, there are three ways to let us know: You can send a  
24 written comment to the FERC or you can sign up at the sign-  
25 in table over there tonight, or you can return the mailing

1 list retention form that was included in the Notice of  
2 Intent that we mailed to you. You must do one of the three  
3 things in order to stay on the mailing list.

4 Now, this is a large project with a large mailing  
5 list, and just because your neighbor got an NOI or got  
6 something from the FERC and you didn't, don't throw anything  
7 at us, because we're working with Chenier on that, and we  
8 hope that we -- that you and your neighbors all got copies  
9 of whatever you needed.

10 If you did not, make sure you sign up at the  
11 sign-in table and put your name on the list. I can't stress  
12 that enough. We go all throughout the country, and we're  
13 always getting yelled at by people because we didn't give it  
14 to them, or this person got it. We try very hard, and  
15 usually the mailing lists are very large, so if you did not  
16 receive what you wanted to receive, talk to the boys over  
17 there at the table, and they can set you up.

18 It is very important that any comments you send,  
19 include our internal Docket Number of the project. The  
20 Docket Number is in the Notice of Intent, and is included on  
21 the handout at the sign-in table.

22 If you decide to send us in a comment letter,  
23 please put that number on it. That will ensure that I or  
24 members of the staff evaluating the project, will get your  
25 comments.

1           The Docket Number for the Creole Trail LNG and  
2 Pipeline Project is PF05-8; that's PF05-8. Once this  
3 application is filed, that will go to a CP Docket Number,  
4 which stands for Certificate Proceeding. It will be a CP05-  
5 dash-something. It's whoever comes in the gate first, gets  
6 the next number. Well, I guess that if they don't file for  
7 awhile, it could go to CP06, but I don't think that's going  
8 to happen.

9           After the Draft EIS is issued, you will have 45  
10 days to review and comment on it. Normally, we schedule  
11 public comment meeting similar in format to this one,  
12 towards the end of the 45-day comment period. The  
13 difference is that this is considered a scoping meeting,  
14 because this is where we get your comments before we  
15 actually do a Draft EIS.

16           So, everything that we hear tonight and heard  
17 this week and get sent to us, we'll include in the EIS. The  
18 next meeting you will get notice for -- hopefully you'll get  
19 notice for -- will be a comment meeting on the EIS itself,  
20 and that's a little bit different format where you're  
21 actually commenting on our document, instead of giving us  
22 comments to put in the document.

23           It's similar, but you'll see the difference a  
24 little bit, because we don't say as much during that comment  
25 meeting as we will tonight. But we will address -- during

1 that meeting, we will take additional comments and then put  
2 those in the FEIS, so it's a little bit confusing. I do it,  
3 and it's confusing to me.

4 At that meeting, you can give us your comments on  
5 the Draft EIS, orally, or, again, you can send the comments  
6 in in writing. At the end of the 45-day comment period,  
7 we'll use your comments and any new information that we have  
8 been able to gather, to finalize the EIS.

9 The Final EIS will be mailed to people who are on  
10 the mailing list. I stress that again: On the mailing  
11 list. If you receive a copy of the Draft EIS, you will  
12 receive a copy of the Final EIS.

13 After the Final EIS is issued, the FERC  
14 Commissioners will use our findings to assist in their  
15 determination of whether to approve or deny a certificate  
16 for the project. And, again, back to the mailing list, if  
17 you did get the NOI, the hard copy, on the back of it,  
18 that's how -- you send that back in and then you remain on  
19 the list. I cannot stress that enough.

20 Before we start taking your comments, which we  
21 have a big list here and we're happy with that, we asked  
22 Creole Trail to provide a brief overview of the project, so  
23 the President of the Company, Mr. Keith Meyer, has agreed to  
24 do that for us, so I'm going to turn it over to him for now.

25 MR. MEYER: Thank you, Doug. I'm going to try

1 this wireless mike. Can everybody hear me okay so far?

2 Okay.

3 I'll go through just a little presentation on the  
4 project and a little bit about natural gas in the U.S. and  
5 why we need this LNG project, but first of all, it's good to  
6 be back to Cameron Parish. There are a lot of familiar  
7 faces here. You folks know we've got a project on the other  
8 side of the Parish on the Sabine Channel, or at least to the  
9 West of us here.

10 It's been a great project. I think the name,  
11 Cameron Parish, is getting well known at FERC. You see the  
12 pins now, and that's much thanks to Darryl for that.

13 But we had the Chairman of FERC and a  
14 Commissioner at the groundbreaking. They were proudly  
15 outfitted with a pin as well, and I think Darryl has since  
16 sent about 25 to FERC to make sure that everybody has their  
17 Cameron Parish pin. So it's good to be here.

18 Let me start with just an overview of North  
19 America. New supply must come from somewhere.

20 There are a couple of quotes here from Alan  
21 Greenspan that sort of indicates that our nation is  
22 suffering a natural gas shortage. Right now we've got  
23 prices that are too high, unsustainably high, putting a lot  
24 of pressure on consumers and, particularly, the large gas  
25 consumers of the Gulf Coast, the large industries.



1 industry, you'll find that the biggest consumers out there  
2 are the chemical and allied products. Those industries are  
3 essentially situated in the Gulf Coast.

4 If you look at total national demand for --  
5 sorry, total demand for gas across the country, you'll find  
6 that Louisiana is the second largest consumer of gas in  
7 terms of state gas consumption, so it's a big gas consumer,  
8 running out of gas domestically within the state, and needs  
9 to be concerned about this import as a state.

10 This has the percentage of total energy by  
11 selected industrial sectors within Louisiana, so it shows  
12 your food and kindred products, lumber and wood. A lot of  
13 these industries in Louisiana, use well over half of their  
14 total energy as natural gas.

15 Chemicals: In 2002, the U.S. became a net  
16 importer of chemicals. Well, guess where most of the  
17 chemicals are made? In the Gulf Coast here.

18 This is sort of a dangerous trend, and what I've  
19 said is that we as a nation, either need to import natural  
20 gas or we're going to be importing chemicals, plastics,  
21 petroleum products, that type of thing. I think it is much  
22 more strategically wise for us as a nation to import gas  
23 from other countries, rather than export our industries to  
24 other countries and to import the value-added product.

25 As a nation, this is the history of the gas

1 consumption in our country. Here you see a great rise, and  
2 then we had a big energy shock back in the '70s, lost a lot  
3 of demand. That basically, that loss of demand, is  
4 basically the loss of the primary metals industries in the  
5 United States, a lot of automotive manufacturing, a lot of  
6 heavy industries, most of which were up in the Midwest.

7 The Midwest really took the body blow for the  
8 country, the last time we had an energy crisis. This time,  
9 those big users aren't up there anymore; they've been shut  
10 down, cut up, hauled away. This time, the big users are on  
11 the Gulf Coast, so as we talk about this project, I don't  
12 want anybody to think that it's just a gateway for the rest  
13 of the country. It's a gateway for Louisiana.

14 We look at the Gulf Coast as being the best place  
15 to put an LNG receiving terminal. There's a couple of  
16 reasons for that:

17 One is the demand in the Gulf Coast. For Texas  
18 and Louisiana together, it's about 15 Bcf per day. That's  
19 about 25 percent of our nation's total demand and the  
20 largest concentration of demand anywhere in the world. It's  
21 larger than twice the nation of Japan, right here in the  
22 Gulf.

23 So that's one reason that supports putting these  
24 terminals in the Gulf. The other reason is just the  
25 pipelines. You folks know; you know, you live with

1 pipelines around here.

2 This nation, the United States, is basically  
3 piped to take most of this gas supply from the Gulf and take  
4 to all these demand centers. So there's not a whole lot of  
5 new pipe that has to be built to get the gas across the  
6 country.

7 What Chenier is building is an LNG receipt  
8 network in the Gulf Coast. We've got an interest in four  
9 projects, two in Texas, two in Louisiana.

10 This one is our most recent, Creole Trail  
11 Project. It is a slightly different regulatory process, as  
12 Doug had mentioned, than what we went through before.

13 The last time, we spent a lot of time preparing  
14 the application, filed it, and then had the public process.  
15 This time, we've got a process that has the public interface  
16 piece in the front end of the application, so you're seeing  
17 us a little bit sooner than what we did in Sabine.

18 Development principles for us, for Chenier:  
19 Conventional technologies. You don't see any new, any  
20 serial number one pieces of equipment. This is all stuff  
21 that's been tried, true, proven, everybody knows the stuff  
22 works and the stuff is safe.

23 Environmentally responsible: We use submerged  
24 combustion vaporizers; that means there's no open loop,  
25 there's no discharge into the waterway. It's very safe,

1 again, and very efficient.

2 Previously disturbed sites: We're on areas where  
3 you've had dredged placement, so it's sort of an active site  
4 and it minimizes the impact to wetlands.

5 It's a very large site. The hallmarks of our  
6 site are: Remote from populations, and then community  
7 support. I'll tell you, you know, a lot of times when we're  
8 not in Cameron Parish, we sort of take some credit for the  
9 community support that you folks have shown, but I will be  
10 honest with you here, you folks have just been the absolute  
11 greatest, and I know we cannot take credit for that; that's  
12 you folks opening up your hearts and homes to us and  
13 welcoming this project. I sure appreciate that here.

14 The project that we're putting in is similar to  
15 our Sabine project. It's a little bit bigger, but there are  
16 two unloading berths, four storage tanks. We're going to  
17 have three dedicated tugs, about 3.3 Bcf per day of sendout  
18 capacity, and we're looking for an inservice date in about  
19 2009.

20 Here we are on the map. We're about three and a  
21 half miles up from the open water on the Calcasieu ship  
22 channel. Here's an aerial photo and our site is up at the  
23 north end of that picture, by the West Fork.

24 Here's how the facilities overlay on the site.  
25 You can see the two berths and the storage tanks.

1           This picture happens to be taken, this aerial  
2 photo, when there was an LNG ship actually in the channel,  
3 so that ship you see in the channel there, is actually an  
4 LNG carrier that called on Lake Charles and is exiting.

5           We've got a pipeline associated with this. We  
6 need a pipeline to take the gas up and to interconnect with  
7 the other pipes in the area, so we've got 118 miles, dual  
8 42-inch and then a 47-mile segment of single 42-inch. It  
9 will be a high pressure pipeline, 1440 pounds, and as you  
10 folks know, there are some storage fields in the area that  
11 we're looking at potentially interconnecting with.

12           But the big benefit of being here with the  
13 existing pipes, is that we can make a lot of interconnects  
14 and then get this gas to where it's needed.

15           Here's what the pipe looks like. On a quick  
16 overview, the route is not completely finalized. I mean,  
17 we're still in the process of finalizing that route, so a  
18 lot of the landowners have been talked to and we're still --  
19 and we'll go through the process of finalizing as we go  
20 through this whole application process.

21           In summary, Gulf Coast folks, we're not doing  
22 this anywhere else in the country. We are focused on the  
23 Gulf Coast. We think it's the best place to be, and from  
24 the Gulf Coast, we can preserve the Gulf Coast as the  
25 supplier of gas for this country; it's the best place to be;

1 it makes the most sense.

2 We will use conventional technology, and, like I  
3 said, no new equipment; everything is tried and true.

4 Third party access: That's something a little  
5 different for us than some of the other developers of  
6 terminals. What that means is, we welcome, like a large  
7 industrial customer to be a customer of our plant.

8 We are not a large producer, so we don't insist  
9 on controlling the capacity just for ourselves. We'd love  
10 to see the consumer side also step in and help pull LNG into  
11 the country.

12 And then, again, that community support is  
13 emphasized, and we believe that is something that has to be  
14 earned. We don't ever want to take that for granted.

15 A lot of the folks in here, I recognize their  
16 faces, and I think and hope that you know that you can  
17 always call us and you can call us at any level. So, once  
18 again, thank you very much. Hopefully this gives you a  
19 quick overview, and I look forward to moving this process  
20 along and being here. Thank you.

21 MR. SIPE: Thanks, Keith, that was great. I'd  
22 like to point out to the audience, as you are well aware,  
23 there are a lot of Chenier folks here, and during the  
24 meeting and after the meeting, anytime, they're here and  
25 they can answer some of your questions concerning the

1 project.

2 The U.S. Coast Guard is here, which I forgot to  
3 mention in the beginning. Our introductions were a little  
4 messed up with Medha and I both doing them.

5 Again, the Army Corps of Engineers, FERC, the  
6 State -- Fred is here from the State, so if you have any  
7 questions concerning this, there should be the right people  
8 here to answer them, so we can go from there.

9 And they've brought some detailed maps and some  
10 information back there in the back concerning the project,  
11 so we should be prepared to answer anything you've got.

12 We will now -- wait a second. You know, as Keith  
13 alluded to, about all this gas going to the Yankees.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. SIPE: No slamming the Yankees tonight. I  
16 got that last night.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MR. SIPE: We have a big list here, so I'm  
19 cutting you off if you slam the Yankees.

20 We'll now begin taking your comments for the  
21 meeting, so Paul is going to walk around with the mike, and  
22 you guys can sit at your seat, stand up, come to the front,  
23 however you feel comfortable.

24 Again, the cross-talk during, we can't have a  
25 whole bunch of people talking back and forth, because the

1 Court Reporter is going to hit me in the back of the head  
2 with something. So, we have to make sure we get an accurate  
3 record of your comments.

4 I'm going to read the names off the list, and the  
5 first one is Doug Chance, Cameron Parish Schools. You may  
6 come to the front, but you must have that mike. Do you want  
7 to come over here?

8 MR. CHANCE: Thank you, Doug. On behalf of  
9 Cameron Parish Schools, we would like to welcome members of  
10 the Commission, members of the Corps, members of the Coast  
11 Guard and State reps. I say welcome to all of our family of  
12 Cameron Parish. We thank you for supporting this project.

13 Speaking on behalf of our seven-member Board,  
14 representing the educational interests, Cameron Parish  
15 School Board members have reviewed this project. We  
16 understand that there are some disruptions, some exposures.

17 We also have looked at the benefits for Cameron  
18 Parish, the State of Louisiana, that's key, that's been so  
19 well pointed out, as well as the nation, and based on this  
20 parameters, we would like to say on behalf of Cameron Parish  
21 Schools, that we would encourage the Commission, the Corps,  
22 and the other regulatory agencies, to expedite this project  
23 for the benefit of not only Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and  
24 the United States, but also looking on a global basis at the  
25 point of origin of this project to the point of consumption

1 of this project. It will touch people everywhere.

2 And as persons in the school business, we think  
3 it will touch the lives of children everywhere. It's truly  
4 a global effort.

5 We thank you for being here in support. We thank  
6 the Commission, the Corps, the Coast Guard, and the other  
7 agencies. Keith, on behalf of Cameron Parish Schools,  
8 welcome, and if we can be of assistance, please advise us.

9 I would like to file two documents, one which  
10 articulates in print, what I've said, and the second  
11 document shares with the Commission, my name and then my  
12 land manager's name, Mr. Euland Gidry, and we would like to  
13 be of any assistance that we can to the Commission and the  
14 other representatives. Thank you very much.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. SIPE: I knew the applause was coming, and I  
17 wonder why I haven't got it yet.

18 (Laughter and applause.)

19 MR. SIPE: The next speaker will be William --  
20 and I'm sorry if I'm going to mispronounce anyone's name --  
21 Dagel (ph.); is that right?

22 MR. DAGEL (ph.): My name is William Dagel and  
23 I'm here on behalf of the Cameron Chamber of Commerce. Mr.  
24 Greg Wicke is the President, and he is unable to attend  
25 tonight, so I would like to read this letter of support from

1 the Cameron Chamber of Commerce.

2 It's dated April 25th, to the Honorable Patrick  
3 Wood, and so forth.

4 "Ladies and gentlemen, the Cameron Parish Chamber  
5 of Commerce strongly supports Chenier Energy  
6 LLC's proposed Creole Trail LNG import terminal  
7 and pipelines.

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9 The Chamber of Commerce consists of members from  
10 all over Cameron Parish. We fully understand the  
11 potential safety and environmental impacts  
12 associated with the construction and operation of  
13 an LNG terminal.

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15 At the same time, we also appreciate that the  
16 construction and operation of facilities such as  
17 these, provide a secure job base for those who  
18 live and work in our community.

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20 We are petitioning you to cooperate fully with  
21 the permitting of this facility, and to expedite  
22 the process so that construction of the Creole  
23 Trail LNG facility, can commence this year, in  
24 order to meet its stated goal of commencing  
25 operations for the 2008-2009 winter heating

1 season." And it's signed, signed, "Sincerely,  
2 Greg Wicke, President, Cameron Parish Chamber of  
3 Commerce."

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. SIPE: Thank you, William; we appreciate it.  
6 The next speaker on the list is Carolyn Thibodeaux. There  
7 she is.

8 MS. THIBODEAUX: I'm Carolyn Thibodeaux, and I'm  
9 working with the Cameron Preservation Alliance, Sabine Pass  
10 Lighthouse. The Cameron Preservation Alliance is a steward  
11 of the Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

12 In working with Chenier on the Chenier Sabine LNG  
13 project, they had promised to build an all-weather road that  
14 will allow perfect access to the Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

15 The completion of the all-weather road will allow  
16 a large group of Heritage tourists to our national maritime  
17 landmark. The large buffer zone around the LNG facility  
18 will allow this to revert back to its natural state.

19 As Highway 82 West in Cameron Parish is a spur to  
20 the Creole Natural Trail All-American Road, this will allow  
21 visitors to our area to also view the magnificent structure  
22 and to see nature at its best.

23 With the mitigation project and the development  
24 of the Chenier Sabine project, the land will be restored to  
25 its natural state and attract the migration of hundreds of

1 birds that use this area in the Spring and Fall migrations.

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3 The migration of the birds has depended on this  
4 area for many years to rest and find food. The area has  
5 also enjoyed birdwatchers for several generations.

6 As a major corporate sponsor, Chenier has made a  
7 commitment to preservation projects in Cameron Parish, and  
8 as part of our organization, they have provided Company  
9 volunteers to help with Spring cleanup and for our annual  
10 Fall Festival.

11 Our local organization has seen commitment from  
12 Chenier to local community activities. They have pledged to  
13 become part of our community, and are following true to this  
14 commitment.

15 The Chenier Creole Trail LNG is making the same  
16 commitment to our community. The new construction project  
17 will afford local businesses to do business with them, the  
18 new construction jobs will allow locals an opportunity to  
19 make career changes and go to work.

20 The additional permanent jobs will allow many  
21 people to stay home and work or to move to this unique area.  
22 And with the addition of LNG in our community, it will  
23 provide our Parish an opportunity to grow and prosper.

24 The oil and gas business has been a part of our  
25 lives for over 60 years. Pipelines have grown under our

1 ground for that long.

2 LNG tankers have used the Calcasieu Pass Channel  
3 for the last several years. The businesses have been in our  
4 community for many years and have allowed generations to  
5 stay here to work and play.

6 We welcome Chenier Energy Sabine LNG and Chenier  
7 Creole Trails to our community.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. SIPE: Thanks, Carolyn. When you guys are  
10 using that microphone, the man behind me asked if you could  
11 keep it a little bit away from your mouth. I heard some  
12 feedback. I was trying to help you out up here, but I  
13 couldn't do it.

14 The next speaker on the list is Lynn Foret.

15 MR. FORET: I'm Lynn Foret. I have a home on  
16 Lake Charles, as well as on (inaudible) Lake, so I'm split  
17 between two Parishes. I think this is a great, wonderful  
18 project.

19 Cameron Parish is the largest Parish in the  
20 State, but the least populated. I hope that will change in  
21 the next several years as this project goes forward.

22 The only concern that I have, talking to  
23 neighbors, and this is quite a fine fishing lake, the  
24 hottest fishing lake in the country today, is a concern --  
25 the fact that some issues need to be addressed for people

1       who fish on the lake and live on the lake, and that being  
2       putting the pipeline through the middle of the lake. I have  
3       no problem with that, but several other families and people  
4       on the lake seem to be concerned about that.

5               The environmental issues: What can be done to  
6       restore the property, the lake bottom to its normal habitat,  
7       and issues of that nature. I'm fine with, because I've been  
8       explained, what will take place.

9               I think those issues probably need to be  
10       addressed a little more to the public, so that they know.  
11       The people that live on the lake, that fish the lake, that  
12       feel like it's their fishing hole, won't be giving too much  
13       negative comments to you concerning this subject, this  
14       project.

15               (Applause.)

16               MR. SIPE: Great, thanks, Lynn. Those issues  
17       will be addressed in the EIS, the Draft EIS, and hopefully  
18       to everyone's satisfaction -- hopefully. We have good  
19       consultants and a good company providing us this stuff, so  
20       hopefully we can get your information.

21               The next speaker on the list is Dina Landry.  
22       She's laughing. Did I mispronounce that one, too?

23               (Laughter.)

24               MS. LANDRY: You got the first name right, and  
25       that's a shock. The last name is Landry.

1                   But I'm Dina Landry, and I'm the Executive  
2 Director of the Cameron Council on Aging, and on behalf of  
3 our senior citizens, who couldn't be out here tonight, we  
4 want to say welcome to the project and to our Parish.

5                   We appreciate that the fact that the projects are  
6 coming, and we're going to enjoy and prosper, and we're  
7 going to also have a way for our Parish to build up and to  
8 become the place where senior citizens want to come to  
9 retire. And that's one of the things that we want to make  
10 known to all of you in Louisiana, as well as in the United  
11 States.

12                   We want to be known as a place where seniors can  
13 come and enjoy our nature and have the services that they  
14 need. Thank you.

15                   (Applause.)

16                   MR. SIPE: Thank you. The next on the list is  
17 Steve Trahan.

18                   MR. STEVE TRAHAN: First, I'd like to read this  
19 letter to you guys, and then I'll make some comments. This  
20 letter is from the Senate, the State of Louisiana. It says:

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22                   "Dear Chairman Wood: As a Louisiana State  
23 Senator representing Cameron Parish, please  
24 accept my complete support for the Creole Trail  
25 LNG import terminal, which is seeking a permit

1 for operations in Cameron Parish.

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3 The Creole Trail LNG import terminal will be of  
4 great assistance for industry, not only in  
5 Louisiana, but also across the nation.

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7 The high price of natural gas has been  
8 devastating to the economy in southwest  
9 Louisiana. Our state has suffered from a number  
10 of plant closing, with some facilities moving out  
11 of the country.

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13 The LNG terminal will provide jobs and natural  
14 gas for industry in the state and in the nation.  
15 The Creole Trail LNG terminal enjoys strong local  
16 support. The prospect of additional jobs for the  
17 community and the ability to provide terminals to  
18 access supplies of natural gas for the country,  
19 is appreciated by the citizens of Cameron Parish.

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21 With this in mind, I ask for your favorable  
22 consideration in the expedient permitting of  
23 Chenier Energy's Creole Trail LNG facility;  
24 Sincerely, Gerald J. Tennyson, State Senator,  
25 District 25."

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2           And the comments I'd like to make to you guys: I  
3 made the comments on the Semper (ph.) project a couple of  
4 years ago, and on the Sabine Pass project last year, on two  
5 different occasions. I'm a Police Juror on Hackberry; I  
6 represent Cameron Parish on -- I represent Hackberry on the  
7 Cameron Parish Police Jury.

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9           I said back then in Johnson Bayou that with two  
10 permitted facilities, that we would be a mecca for LNG  
11 facilities in our Parish. Well, by George, three is not a  
12 crowd, I'll tell you that right now; we'll accept that.

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14           And the one thing different about these LNG  
15 facilities, as compared to, say, living in our residential  
16 areas, we don't have any choice on who moves next door to us  
17 at our homes, subdivisions or what not. People have the  
18 ability to buy the property, buy the home, or inherit it,  
19 whatever, they can move right next door to you. You might  
20 not like them, but you've got to live next door to them.

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22           But in this particular situation, we do have a  
23 little say so on who our neighbors will be -- not all of it,  
24 but we have a considerable amount. I'm here to tell you  
25 tonight that we welcome Chenier to be our neighbors; we want  
them to come here.

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27           As matter of fact, we'll roll out the red carpet  
28 for them and tell them to come on. And it won't be no

1 everyday, run-of-the-mill, low-grade carpet, either. It  
2 will be carpet ankle deep, I'm telling you. We want them.

3 (Laughter and applause.)

4 MR. SIPE: Thank you Steve; appreciate it. The  
5 next speaker on the list is Michele Mood (ph.).

6 MS. MUDD: Mudd.

7 MR. SIPE: I didn't want to say mud; I didn't  
8 want to say it; you said it.

9 (Laughter.)

10 MS. MUDD: Thank you. Well, as Dave said, we do  
11 have a great turnout here. I'm so glad to see so many  
12 friendly faces, and I feel like that's probably because  
13 we've been kept in the loop from the very beginning with  
14 Chenier. Our questions and concerns have been met at every  
15 juncture with, you know, the feedback that we need to make  
16 these informed decisions.

17 I'm here as a concerned citizen, as a mother,  
18 kind of just your generic, run-of-the-mill kind of girl that  
19 came from a family of hunters and fishermen in this area,  
20 that have lived off the land, and was concerned about how it  
21 would affect the environment.

22 That was met with a great bit of knowledge from  
23 representatives from Chenier, and I feel great and I feel  
24 confident about having them here. I think they're  
25 environmentally friendly and conscious and are going to be a

1 great neighbor in that respect.

2 I also was concerned about health issues, as a  
3 mom and as a resident, and just wanting to know if this  
4 would be something that would affect whether or not my kids  
5 would want to retire here and raise their families here.  
6 And I'm 100-percent convinced that this is going to be an  
7 incredible positive for not only my generation, but my  
8 children to come and my children's children.

9 This is going to create a strong core for them to  
10 cling to, and hopefully enjoy much prosperity in the future.  
11 So, I welcome Chenier also, and I fully support them. I  
12 think they're going to be a great and friendly neighbor, and  
13 I'm with you, Stevie, and I'm rolling out the red carpet.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. SIPE: Thank you, Ms. Mudd. The next speaker  
16 is Carl Broussard.

17 MR. CARL BROUSSARD: I actually have two letters.  
18 I'm representing myself as Clerk of the Court and a Board  
19 Member for the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce, and I  
20 also have a letter to read from our Tax Assessor, Robert  
21 Conner, who couldn't be here tonight.

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23 "To The Honorable Members of FERC: Chenier  
24 Energy, Inc., as they have done with the Sabine  
25 Pass facility application process, have shown all

1 along, to listen to, work with, and resolve any  
2 problems or concerns that FERC, state agencies,  
3 our Cameron Parish citizens, our local fishermen  
4 and fishing industry, Cameron Parish Police Jury,  
5 the West Cameron Port Board, the Cameron Parish  
6 Taxing Districts and Boards, along with the Lake  
7 Charles Pilots Association, to answer any  
8 questions and any concerns that arise.

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10 Cameron Parish has historically had a fishing  
11 industry, along with an oil-producing economy.  
12 In recent years, these industries have been on  
13 the decline. Many of our residents have left  
14 because of lack of work in the oil fields, or  
15 because of low prices paid for our seafood.  
16 This, in turn, has caused many of our businesses  
17 to close and caused our tax base to dwindle.

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19 We have heard all the safety concerns raised  
20 about LNG. We recognize these concerns, but,  
21 being Cameron Parish residents, we have lived and  
22 been neighbors with natural gas plants and all  
23 their pipelines that are affiliated with natural  
24 gas plants.

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1 We understand the dangers, we know the risks, and  
2 we have historically helped supply this nation's  
3 energy needs and want to continue to do so. For  
4 all these reasons, we are in support of Chenier  
5 Energy's Creole Trail facility, and ask that FERC  
6 would expedite the approval of their permit, and  
7 we look forward to Chenier Energy becoming our  
8 neighbors soon."

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10 I also have a letter from Robert E. Conner, our  
11 Tax Assessor. And it reads as follows:

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13 "To The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: I  
14 would like to welcome all the members of the  
15 Federal energy Regulatory Commission, Chenier  
16 Energy, Inc., and all of the concerned citizens  
17 of Cameron Parish. Due to requirements of my  
18 profession, I apologize for not being here with  
19 you. I am attending a recertification seminar.

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21 I would like to share my thoughts with you about  
22 the proposed Creole Trail terminal facility.  
23 Chenier Energy, Inc. approached the people of  
24 Cameron Parish, who met them with open arms when  
25 they sought the Federal Energy Regulatory

1 Commission's approval for the Sabine Pass LNG  
2 receiving terminal.

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4 Tonight I ask you to approve the Creole Trail  
5 terminal permit. Chenier Energy, Inc. is  
6 attempting to make Cameron Parish, the LNG hub of  
7 North America and possibly the world.

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9 It brings to Cameron Parish, the possibility of a  
10 third LNG receiving terminal, and with a  
11 receiving terminal on the Calcasieu Channel and  
12 Calcasieu Parish, this has definitely becoming a  
13 reality.

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15 Chenier has come to Cameron at a time when most  
16 major oil corporations have already merged to  
17 form giant corporations. They are taking the  
18 aspirations, technology, and money, further into  
19 the Gulf of Mexico, seeking alpha oil and gas  
20 fields. The shelf in the Gulf of Mexico and  
21 onshore exploration, which is shrinking, is now  
22 being conducted by smaller, independent  
23 operators.

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25 This is causing a shift in the oil and gas

1 business, as people in Parish government have  
2 come to know. At the courthouse, we have not  
3 seen people waiting in line to lease properties  
4 for seismic or drilling activities since the  
5 early '80s. Landowners no longer enjoy the  
6 luxury of a well on their property.

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8 Most of the wells have been depleted and were  
9 plugged and abandoned, or they are shut in and  
10 waiting to be plugged. This has caused local  
11 governments to tighten their belts because the  
12 tax base that was once huge and obese, has become  
13 thin and tight.

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15 After the approval of the Sabine Pass terminal, I  
16 sat down with Mr. George Tibbler (ph.) --

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18 VOICE: Tiblier.

19 MR. BROUSSARD: It must be the microphone.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. BROUSSARD: "... who is the Tax Director for  
22 Chenier Energy, Inc., who stated that they want to pay what  
23 is mandated by law and become a good corporate citizen.

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25 With the beginning of a good foundation, Cameron

1 Parish will begin reaping the rewards of an  
2 increased tax base for the machinery and  
3 equipment needed in 2006, and then later on, from  
4 the construction of pipelines, and once  
5 completed, from inventories.

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7 The total package will be realized, once the  
8 industrial exemption has been satisfied to the  
9 state. From this, our Parish can expect to  
10 receive new jobs, new income, a larger tax base,  
11 and a new industry. So that the pre-mentioned  
12 process can be repeated, I ask the Federal Energy  
13 Regulatory Commission to approve the Creole Trail  
14 Terminal permit for Chenier Energy, Inc., a good  
15 corporate citizen who has already put the  
16 technology, expertise, means, and money, not only  
17 in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, but in all of North  
18 America and the world. Thank you, signed, R.E.  
19 Bobby Conner."

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21 (Applause.)

22 MR. SIPE: We appreciate it, Carl, thank you.

23 The next speaker on the list would be Jody Roberts.

24 MS. ROBERTS: Hello. My name is Jody Roberts,  
25 and I'm the President of Cameron Lions Club, and we welcome

1 y'all. And the Cameron Parish Lions club strongly supports  
2 the Chenier Energy proposed Creole Trail LNG import  
3 terminal.

4 The Lions Club consists of many members all over  
5 Cameron Parish. We fully understand the potential safety  
6 and environmental impacts associated with the construction  
7 and operation of the LNG terminal.

8 At the same time, we also appreciate the  
9 construction and operation of facilities such as these,  
10 provide a secure job base for those who live here and work  
11 in our community.

12 We are petitioning you to cooperate fully with  
13 the permitting of this facility and to expedite the process  
14 so that the construction of the Creole Trail LNG facility  
15 can commence as soon as possible. Sincerely, the Cameron  
16 Parish Lions Club. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. SIPE: Thank you, Jody. The next speaker on  
19 the list is Julie Benoit.

20 MS. BENOIT: My name is Julie Benoit, and I  
21 represent Cameron Parish Economic Development.

22 The Cameron Parish Economic Development Task  
23 Force supports Chenier Energy's newest liquified natural gas  
24 facility. The Creole Trail LNG import terminal and  
25 pipelines will bring quality jobs to the area.

1                   This project supports our economic growth and  
2 stabilizes the future for Cameron Parish. The community  
3 welcomes the LNG industry and is aware and accepts the  
4 safety concerns.

5                   Chenier Energy LLC has actively supported our  
6 community projects, proving that they are good neighbors.

7                   We look forward to the new facility improving the  
8 progress of our Parish. Thank you.

9                   (Applause.)

10                  MR. SIPE: Thank you, Julie. The next speaker on  
11 the list would be Dwight Savoy.

12                  MR. SAVOY: I want to say a couple of things, and  
13 I guess the first thing is, my family is some of the history  
14 of Cameron Parish that goes back to 1800. I have a lot of  
15 kin people in Cameron Parish, and I got to say that every  
16 input that I've heard from everybody that I associate with,  
17 has been positive.

18                  I think Chenier is a very good friend to this  
19 community. They've done everything in their power to try to  
20 help Cameron Parish people and answer their questions. So,  
21 as a concerned citizen, I do welcome Chenier LNG.

22                  The second part of this is, as a West Cameron  
23 Port Board member, we have a resolution that we want to  
24 propose to FERC and to the Corps of Engineers and everyone  
25 that really needs to see how we feel. The letter reads:

1 "WHEREAS the West Cameron Port Harbor and  
2 Terminal District supports Chenier LNG, LLC's  
3 intent to locate the Creole Trail LNG facility  
4 along the Calcasieu Ship Channel on the West Fork  
5 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and,

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7 "WHEREAS Chenier Creole Trail LNG project  
8 includes the construction and operation of a  
9 marine terminal consisting of two ship berths  
10 capable of unloading about 200 or more LNG ships  
11 per year, and,

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13 "WHEREAS both Creole Trail LNG projects will  
14 provide LNG tankers with docking, unloading,  
15 storage service for shipping importing LNG into  
16 the United States, and,

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18 "WHEREAS proposed Creole Trail Energy project  
19 would be an asset to economic development in  
20 Cameron Parish and the West Cameron Port Harbor  
21 and Terminal District, we would appreciate your  
22 expedience in the permit process of the LNG  
23 facility.

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25 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West

1 Cameron Port Harbor and Terminal District does  
2 wholeheartedly support Chenier Creole Terminal  
3 Project, and the Secretary is authorized,  
4 empowered, and directed to send this resolution  
5 to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to  
6 the Congressional Delegation, and to the  
7 Legislative Delegation."

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9 I would like to present y'all with this letter,  
10 and I welcome Chenier.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. SIPE: Thank you. I'm sorry about the audio  
13 tonight, but it's Chenier's equipment.

14 (Laughter.)

15 MR. SIPE: I'd blame Keith, if I were you.

16 (Laughter.)

17 MR. SIPE: The next speaker on the list is Scott  
18 Trahan, and I heard that your nickname is Hollywood.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MR. SIPE: Scott was on NPR Radio, discussing LNG  
21 last week, so that's what I was told last night, so I'm  
22 looking forward to this.

23 MR. SCOTT TRAHAN: Thank you. I'm the President  
24 of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. I also represent Creole,  
25 and I have a resolution on behalf of Cameron Parish Police

1 Jury. It says:

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3 "WHEREAS the Cameron Parish Police Jury supports  
4 Chenier Energy LLC's intent to locate a liquified  
5 natural gas import terminal and pipelines in  
6 Cameron Parish, Louisiana, adjacent to the  
7 Calcasieu Ship Channel and the West Fork of  
8 Calcasieu Lake, and,

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10 "WHEREAS the Creole Trail LNG project includes  
11 the construction and operation of an import  
12 terminal consisting of two marine berths capable  
13 of unloading about 400 LNG ships per year,  
14 460,000 cubic meter of single-containment  
15 liquified natural gas storage tanks, three banks  
16 of seven submerged combustion vaporizers, and 117  
17 miles of two parallel 42-inch diameter natural  
18 gas sendout pipelines and 47 miles of single 42-  
19 inch diameter natural gas sendout pipeline, and,

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21 "WHEREAS the proposed Creole Trail LNG terminal  
22 will provide LNG tankers with docking and  
23 unloading services for shippers importing LNG  
24 into the United States and will provide 3.3  
25 billion cubic feet per day of sendout capacity;

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"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cameron

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Parish Police Jury does hereby support Chenier

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Energy, LLC's Creole Trail LNG Project, and the

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Secretary is authorized, empowered, and directed

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to send this resolution to the Federal Energy

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Regulatory Commission and the Louisiana

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Congressional Delegation, Senator David Vitter,

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Senator Mary Landrieu, and Representative Charles

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Boustany, adopted and approved on this date."

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Thank y'all. As a lot of concerns -- I'm not

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concerned. I mean, I was born and raised with a natural gas

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pipeline right across our back fence, and I worked for a

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pipeline company and I know it's safe, what they're going to

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do.

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So, as a concerned citizen, I welcome them with

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open arms. We've done rolled out the red carpet, Stevie,

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but we can add on to it.

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(Laughter.)

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MR. SCOTT TRAHAN: I just want to thank y'all, I

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appreciate it, and I ask you to accept that.

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(Applause.)

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MR. SIPE: Thank you, Scott. The next speaker on

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the list is Darrell Farque. I feel a lot of energy walking

1 up right now. We met last night, and I can feel that.

2 (Laughter.)

3 MR. FARQUE: Hello, everybody. I'm going to  
4 address these two people here tonight. It's very hard for  
5 me to do.

6 One, I was a resident and I still am a resident  
7 of Cameron Parish. I live at 10690 Highway 384 in Big Lake.  
8 Yes, I live on the Lake, pretty close.

9 I know there are concerns up in that area, but  
10 what I'm here to say tonight is that I prayed a lot of  
11 times, and I know my prayers have been answered, and I  
12 wanted to make a difference in this Parish.

13 And I think I have. I ran for public office and  
14 I won a seat. I won my seat as a Cameron Parish Police  
15 Juror.

16 I wanted to represent people, I wanted changes, I  
17 wanted to move our Parish in the right direction. I have  
18 the opportunity as an elected official, now, to represent  
19 people in the fishing industry, forestry industry, and every  
20 way of life throughout Cameron Parish. I love it. It's  
21 great.

22 There's concerns of everything that goes on,  
23 wherever it may go. I've been to just about every Chenier  
24 thing that Chenier has put on, and, I'll tell you what:  
25 They've answered questions that I didn't know existed.

1           They're working with our local people, as tight  
2           as they can work with them. We've taken the blinders that  
3           you put on a horse that goes and plows in the field, and  
4           we've taken them off, and now we're looking at the broad  
5           picture.

6           And the picture, to me, is telling us, jobs and  
7           Cameron Parish, moving forward; people moving forward.  
8           Everything in this Parish will be moving forward.

9           Chenier LNG, what you've said you were going to  
10          do, you've done it. You've come here. You're the best  
11          neighbors that I can think of.

12          Guys, please understand, yes, there's pipelines,  
13          yes, there's all kind of stuff going, but let's work the  
14          deal out. As long as we take this off and everybody can get  
15          in the circle, we can do something.

16          Guys, I appreciate you guys taking your time out  
17          away from your families and coming here, like y'all are  
18          coming. I appreciate it. You, too, you don't get much  
19          thanks, but you do a great job, both of y'all, everybody.

20          I am a representative of Cameron Parish.  
21          Chenier, we're open for business here, and we want you. We  
22          were told that by our Secretary of State, Scott Angell, that  
23          Cameron Parish is open for business. Yes, we are.

24          So, as I close, I do represent the people in my  
25          area. If they've got concerns, I know Chenier LNG will

1 answer their concerns.

2 You heard our resolution. We'd like you to move  
3 the process as quickly as possible. We can't wait for them.  
4 Again, I want to thank all of you people of Cameron Parish  
5 for coming, voicing.

6 Like I say, I have town meetings in my area, and  
7 I keep my people informed, and let them know what's going  
8 on. I believe in that process.

9 Chenier is welcome to my area anytime for any  
10 town meeting I have. I feel like that you keep a line of  
11 communication open, guys, and it works.

12 So, again, thank you guys, thank Chenier LNG, and  
13 thank Cameron Parish. Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. SIPE: Thank you. The last speaker on the  
16 list that I have on this list -- if anyone else wants to  
17 speak, feel free -- is Howard Romero.

18 MR. ROMERO: Actually, I thought you were Cajun,  
19 until you started pronouncing our names. I didn't know you  
20 were a Yankee, see.

21 (Laughter.)

22 MR. ROMERO: You know, as I heard all of the  
23 talks going on tonight, I was like a kid in a candy store.  
24 The first thing I'm going to tell you, have you ever been  
25 around such a positive group of people in your life? And

1       FERC, I know, has not been to too many places, other than  
2       Johnson Bayou a couple of times, that they had that, because  
3       every time we've gotten up and talked with them about LNG,  
4       it's been 100-percent support from the crowd from Cameron  
5       Parish.

6                And I haven't heard anything negative tonight, so  
7       I'm going to think that I don't have to ask for a vote, that  
8       we definitely have 100 percent in this crowd tonight, so I'm  
9       excited. I'm excited about having them.

10               But first, you've got to understand how this all  
11       took place. You know, FERC came down to our community, and,  
12       of course, they wanted to build a facility, and they courted  
13       us a little bit, you know, how you come down and you go to  
14       the Dock Board, which I'm a member of; you go to the Police  
15       Jury; you go to the School Board; you go to all of those  
16       areas.

17               And, of course, we listened to everything they  
18       had, and we had some concerns. They came back and addressed  
19       all of those concerns.

20               What we didn't tell them, is all the time that  
21       they were courting us, we were courting them, because we  
22       wanted them much more than we thought they wanted us. So,  
23       this courtship has went on for some time.

24               And we were lucky enough to work together to get  
25       the one at Sabine River, and we're excited, guys. I almost

1 can't hold still up here, because we're excited about it.

2 And then we turn around and we have an  
3 opportunity to get one on the Calcasieu. And after  
4 listening to all of this, you know, I wanted to get up here  
5 and say, look, after all of these people got up here and  
6 talked so positively, could we start tomorrow, and just go  
7 ahead and build this thing while we're waiting for y'all to  
8 go ahead and give us the permit that we know we're going to  
9 get?

10 And that's not really going to be a problem,  
11 because one thing I know about Chenier, they came into our  
12 community, we had a few things that we wanted to talk to  
13 them about, that may have been concerns for our citizens,  
14 and they went out of their way to address those concerns.

15 And we feel like all of that courtship, once we  
16 get this last permit, we're just going to go ahead and get  
17 married and we're going to have a good, longlasting  
18 relationship, and we're going to grow our children, Cameron  
19 Parish children, and Chenier's children, along with us, and  
20 we're going to have a longlasting relationship.

21 So we welcome them. The only thing we do, we've  
22 got a couple of questions here we'd like to ask.

23 Cameron Parish has always been, in everything  
24 they do, number one. I mean, they've got the best people in  
25 the world; they've got the best food in the world; and, by

1 the way, they've got the best place to build an LNG facility  
2 in the world.

3 And we only ask one thing, because I understand  
4 that the first permit that we got at the Sabine, was issued  
5 in the quickest fashion that there ever was a permit, and we  
6 would like to break our own record. We just want to tell  
7 you that.

8 (Laughter.)

9 MR. ROMERO: So, if you can do it a little bit  
10 faster to make us number one again, we would appreciate  
11 that. We have one other question, and that one would be for  
12 Mr. Keith Meyer and Mr. Darren Granger, if we can find  
13 another location, you know, a third one, would you consider  
14 coming to Cameron Parish and building another one?

15 MR. MEYER: You bet.

16 MR. ROMERO: That's the only question that I  
17 have. Thank y'all.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. SIPE: I appreciate that. That is the last  
20 speaker on the list. Anybody else who would like to say  
21 anything? Great. Ladies first.

22 MS. BARGEMAN: I am Gilda Bargeman, a happy  
23 lifelong resident of here in Cameron Parish, and I look  
24 forward to the construction, completion and production of  
25 the Chenier LNG facility, so I welcome your presence here,

1 for this is an excellent window of opportunity for our  
2 Parish.

3 Through the many months, we have been well  
4 informed of the positive aspects by our local newspaper and  
5 the many job fairs that Chenier LNG brings to the  
6 communities, the opportunities for employment and also for a  
7 higher standard of living.

8 Where we are now, sure, there are still some  
9 unanswered questions, but I assure all parties concerned  
10 that the Chenier LNG plant is not here to be a part of the  
11 problem; they're here to be a part of the solution. So,  
12 again, I say welcome to the neighborhood.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. SIPE: Thank you.

15 MR. STEPHEN BROUSSARD: My name is Stephen  
16 Broussard. I'm the new Louisiana Economic Development,  
17 Southwest Regional Rep, and on behalf of the Department, I  
18 have a letter of support from our Secretary, Mr. Michael  
19 Olivier, and I'd like to read that:

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21 "Dear Chairman Wood: On behalf of the State of  
22 Louisiana, I write today to express our keen  
23 interest in the critical issue facing our state.  
24 Our concern is for its residents and the ability  
25 of its industrial base to compete in the global

1 marketplace, due to natural gas prices.

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3 Louisiana is simultaneously one of the largest  
4 natural gas producing and gas consuming states  
5 and holds the key infrastructure for natural gas  
6 serving our country. Louisiana's economy is more  
7 natural gas-centric than any other state.

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9 Over the years, many industries have made their  
10 home in Louisiana, and they have become heavily  
11 reliant on natural gas. Plants manufacturing  
12 such products as fertilizer, chemicals, and  
13 plastics, have seen significant losses due to  
14 higher production costs.

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16 Residents in our state have been subject to a  
17 succession of plant closings, temporary  
18 shutdowns, and permanent shuttering, as operation  
19 dependent on natural gas, has failed or moved  
20 overseas.

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22 In the chemical industry alone, there have been  
23 over 4,000 jobs lost. Other reports describe how  
24 three more Louisiana ammonia producers have  
25 closed and that high natural gas prices forced

1 the Louisiana ethylene manufacturing facility to  
2 close recently and move to Germany.

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4 Earlier this month, Federal Reserve Chairman  
5 Greenspan again called for additional supplies of  
6 natural gas, especially LNG. In Louisiana, we  
7 cannot afford to lose our manufacturing base or  
8 another round of high-paying jobs to foreign  
9 countries with lower natural gas prices.

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11 The top three industrial users of natural gas are  
12 manufacturers of chemicals, petroleum products,  
13 and primary metals. These are some of  
14 Louisiana's largest industries, employing  
15 thousands across the state.

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17 Dramatically higher natural gas prices threaten  
18 the continued competitiveness of these important  
19 industries, and, more importantly, the thousands  
20 of Louisiana families who depend on these  
21 employers for their livelihood.

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23 The Creole Trail LNG Terminal and the Chenier  
24 Creole Trail Pipeline, would provide much needed  
25 support to these industries, to the families

1 dependent on these employers, and to the  
2 Louisiana economy. I support the Creole Trail  
3 LNG Terminal and the Chenier Creole Trail  
4 Pipeline and request expeditious treatment of  
5 these facilities in the NEPA process. Sincerely,  
6 Michael J. Olivier, Secretary."  
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8 And maybe the State can help pay for that red  
9 carpet.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. SIPE: Thank you. Any other speakers? Sure.  
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13 MR. MCGEE: Yeah, Dough, I know we promised we  
14 wouldn't slam the Yankees, but I've got to say, Go Sox.

15 (Laughter.)

16 MR. MCGEE: I want to tell you tonight that we  
17 haven't had many negative comments. That doesn't happen by  
18 accident.

19 I'm a local representative, just like my  
20 Hollywood neighbor here, and we've been working with the  
21 people, and I want to take this moment to thank Chenier for  
22 all the work that they've done to alleviate any concerns the  
23 citizens have had. Again, I just want to reiterate,  
24 welcome, Chenier.

25 (Applause.)

1                   MR. SIPE: This is honestly the most positive,  
2 happy group I've ever been around at one of these scoping  
3 meetings. You guys ought to be proud of that, really,  
4 honestly, you should be.

5                   (Applause.)

6                   MR. SIPE: FERC has a tough job. We have to  
7 balance the environment and we also have to make sure  
8 infrastructure is being built, so it's sometimes nice to  
9 come to these meetings and have this happen.

10                   But, like I said, that's the last speaker on the  
11 list. Would there be anybody else that would like to speak?

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13                   (No response.)

14                   MR. SIPE: Going once. I knew if I said --  
15 "going once" always gets them.

16                   MR. HENRY: I'm Scott Henry, also representing  
17 the offshore marine industry in Cameron and the local  
18 fishing industry and the users of the Calcasieu Loop and  
19 East Fork.

20                   There was some concerns over the congestion and  
21 the safety of the ships coming in, and how that would affect  
22 our businesses that we have here that operate on the  
23 Calcasieu River. And we're glad to know that Chenier is  
24 committed to keeping both the East Fork and the Calcasieu  
25 Loop open to traffic, open to business, and that we can

1 cooperate and work together on that, so, on that part of it,  
2 we're also glad that Chenier is here. You have the support  
3 of both of those industries. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. SIPE: Thank you. There's another speaker.

6 MR. BROWN: My name is Jim Brown, and I'm a small  
7 business owner in Cameron Parish, and I just want to welcome  
8 Chenier, and say that I'm looking forward to the business  
9 that's going to happen in Cameron.

10 I look forward for quite a future in Cameron  
11 Parish, and I'm just really glad to see this happening.

12 I can't think of a better neighbor than Chenier,  
13 and one reason, I'm also on the West Cameron Port Board, and  
14 one thing I like about Chenier is they were up front with us  
15 from the very beginning.

16 They came to us and told us what they wanted to  
17 do, and I really admired them for what they did and how they  
18 present themselves. We look forward to working with them,  
19 and I just want to just thank them for a much brighter  
20 future for all of us in Cameron. Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 MR. SIPE: Any other hands?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. SIPE: That's it? Well, there's lots of food  
25 left. I expect all of that to be eaten before we leave.

1 (Laughter.)

2 MR. SIPE: Without any more speakers, the formal  
3 part of this meeting will concluded. On behalf of the  
4 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard,  
5 the Army Corps of Engineers, the State Department of Fish  
6 and Wildlife and Fisheries, and Chenier, I'd like to thank  
7 you all for coming tonight.

8 Let the record show that the Creole Trail LNG and  
9 Pipeline Project public scoping meeting concluded at 8:35  
10 p.m.

11 (Whereupon, at 8:35 p.m., the scoping meeting was  
12 concluded.)

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