



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Paul N. Cicio
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Dear Mr. Cicio:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 2014 requesting the comment period for the proposed LNG exports change be extended to 120 days. The Department of Energy (DOE) appreciates your interest in the proposed changes to DOE's policy regarding natural gas exports.

While we understand your concern about the length of the comment period, DOE does not believe that the complexity of the two environmental reports or the proposed changes in procedures for natural gas exports require a comment period of 120 days.

DOE believes 45 days is a sufficient period of time to comment on the proposed changes to procedures for natural gas exports, and the two environmental reports. With respect to the updated economic study, DOE anticipates providing an opportunity to comment when the study is complete. Therefore, the request is not accepted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or John Anderson, Director, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities at 202-586-5421.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula A. Gant".

Paula A. Gant
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