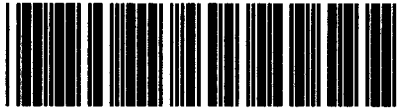




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January 18, 2006

Hon. Paul Hudson
Hon. Julie Parsley
Hon. Barry Smitherman
Public Utility Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711

Re: SOAH Docket No. 473-05-5029
PUC Docket No. 30617

Dear Commissioners:

As a business owner doing business in Brazoria County, I support the electric transmission line to the Freeport Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project located on Quintana Island, Texas.

My company and employees will benefit from this project. I believe it is important that the transmission line be approved along the route preferred by the Port and LNG staff. The alternative would be a route bisecting Port property, limiting future expansion capabilities, having a negative impact on their future, my future, and Brazoria County as a whole.

The Freeport area is one of the most heavily industrialized areas in Texas. Limiting increased commerce and economic development in this area by companies who already have a presence here could limit job growth and reduce the quality of life for my employees and me. The LNG facility will continue to provide jobs in our area. The chemical and refinery industries have lost too many jobs to foreign competition. A stable source of natural gas is essential to those industries, and the project must also have the electricity it needs to operate. As I understand, the Port's preferred route will have the least environmental impact to our area because it uses an existing easement as opposed to new right-of-way.

I support the Port of Freeport and ask that you approve their preferred route without delay.

Sincerely,

Richard Fields

Richard A. Fields, P.E.

CFO

cc: Catherine C. Egan, Administrative Law Judge
State Office of Administrative Hearings
All parties of record