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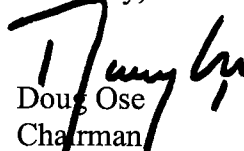
The Honorable Patrick H. Wood, III
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Wood:

This letter follows up on the June 22, 2004 hearing of the Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, entitled "LNG Import Terminal and Deepwater Port Siting: Federal and State Roles." As discussed during the hearing, please respond to the enclosed follow-up questions for the hearing record.

Please hand-deliver the Commission's response to the Subcommittee majority staff in B-377 Rayburn House Office Building and the minority staff in B-350A Rayburn House Office Building not later than noon on July 23, 2004. If you have any questions about this request, please call Professional Staff Member Carrie-Lee Early on 225-1962.

Sincerely,



Doug Ose
Chairman

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural
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Enclosure

cc The Honorable Tom Davis
The Honorable John Tierney

- Q1. Collaborative Process. What plans or recommendations can the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) make to better foster a collaborative process by which LNG terminal developers and FERC identify viable prospective sites and educate stakeholders at the earliest stage of site consideration about all aspects and effects of LNG import terminal presence and operation?
- Q2. Community Guidance. Will FERC provide a handbook or other guidance to local communities including information about LNG and LNG facilities and recommendations for obtaining further information about individual proposals to assist them in making preliminary determinations?
- Q3. Template for Terminal Development. Can FERC provide a template or other additional guidance, such as specific data points for exclusion zones, to prospective developers regarding model LNG facility designs and to locate requirements, such as definitive set-back or buffer zones, to provide clearer guidance in choosing potential facility sites?
- Q4. Comparison with International LNG Importation. Nearly 100 percent of Japan's natural gas supply comes from imported LNG. Japan uses about 23 terminals for that purpose. Several LNG import terminals operate and several more were recently approved in Western Europe.
- a. Has FERC compared the U.S. regulatory processes with those used internationally in siting LNG facilities?
 - b. If so, what lessons has FERC learned from the experience with LNG development internationally?