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COMMITTEES: COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION JUDICIARY FOREIGN RELATIONS RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

July 3, 2025

The Honorable Chairman Mark C. Christie The Honorable Commissioner David Rosner The Honorable Commissioner Lindsay S. See The Honorable Commissioner Judy W. Chang Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First St. NE Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Christie and Commissioners Rosner, See, and Chang,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Rio Grande LNG project (Docket No. CP16-454). This project will continue to support thousands of jobs, bring billions of dollars in investment into the region, and bolster the American energy sector.

I appreciate the Commission's continued dedication to advancing the nation's energy infrastructure in a manner that is both timely and legally sound. Your role in ensuring that critical projects like the Rio Grande LNG facility move forward efficiently is essential to the economic prosperity of Texas and the Gulf Coast, as well as to our national security and global energy leadership.

As you are aware, the Rio Grande LNG project has experienced a protracted and challenging permitting process, complicated by litigation and remand from the D.C. Circuit Court. While the Commission's original authorization was properly issued, the court's decision added unnecessary delays and uncertainty to a project that clearly serves the public interest. The Commission has since worked diligently to address the court's directives. With that in mind, I trust the Commission will act quickly to reissue its order and allow this critical infrastructure project to move forward without further delay.

In recent months, FERC has demonstrated that it is capable of acting promptly and responsibly on other LNG projects, setting an encouraging precedent. I am

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confident that the Commission will apply the same level of attention and urgency to the Rio Grande LNG project.

Thank you for your continued hard work and stewardship. Your efforts to advance essential energy projects forward under the rule of law strengthen our energy independence and economic prosperity. I look forward to continued progress on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Ted Cruz United States Senator