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Mr. Robert Corbin
Natural Gas Regulatory Activities Manager
USDOE Office of Oil & Gas
Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy
Room 3E-042
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Corbin,

I am writing to support the Kenai LNG Plant Extension for two years. The LNG facility provides about $71 million per year in economic benefits to the state and local economies, including about $50 million per year in royalties and taxes alone. This is money that would be hard to replace in an already tight economy.

In addition, the LNG plant provides gas supply stability for Southcentral Alaska by backing up gas supplies for local utilities during periods of peak demand on cold days or when disruptions occur in the gas supply system. There is currently no alternative to the backup gas supply provided by the LNG plant. If the plant ceases operation in 2009, the local utilities will need to invest or pay others to invest in costly peaking gas facilities. This cost will ultimately get passed on to consumers.

On the national level, LNG exports from Alaska contirbute to a robust balance of trade and promote growth in the domestic energy sector.

Finally, ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil have been excellent corporate neighbors, leading the way in contributions to schools, the arts, and charities state-wide.

Sincerely,

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