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Mr. John Wellinghoff Chairman Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Mr. Wellinghoff,

In light of the official application by Calais LNG on December 18, 2009, to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), I am writing to reiterate Canada's serious concerns with the proposals to construct LNG terminals on the Maine side of Passamaquoddy Bay.

The Government of Canada continues to support the responsible development of liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals in North America as LNG will be an important source of natural gas in the coming years. However, Canada remains opposed to the passage of LNG tankers through Head Harbour Passage, which is located within Canadian internal waters. This area is widely recognized as a unique and highly productive marine ecosystem. Canada continues to have strong concerns about the navigational, environmental and public safety risks associated with transit through such a narrow passage.

As was previously noted in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the FERC for Downeast LNG, the passage of LNG tankers in this region requires the collaboration of the Government of Canada. Given continuing Government of Canada opposition, you may therefore wish to advise project proponents that they should consider withdrawing their applications as those projects cannot go forward as envisioned.

Canada and the United States enjoy the world's largest integrated energy relationship. By working together in a way that takes into account the views and concerns of our respective countries, we can strengthen this relationship and ensure long-term energy security for North America.

Yours sincerely,

for

Gary Doer Ambassador

cc. The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy The Honorable Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

