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Magnolia LNG, LLC
Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Project
Docket No. PF13-9-000

March 20, 2013

Ernie Megginson
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Magnolia LNG, LLC
616 Broad Street
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Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request: Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Project

Dear Mr. Megginson:

Thank you for your letter, filed March 12, 2013, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for Magnolia LNG, LLC's (Magnolia LNG) planned Magnolia Liquefied Natural Gas Project (Magnolia LNG Project). We believe that beginning the Commission's review of the proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, Magnolia LNG plans to construct and operate a new LNG export facility in the Port of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The facilities would consist of two LNG storage tanks, four LNG liquefaction trains, a short pipeline connecting to an existing interstate pipeline, an LNG vessel loading terminal and berth, an LNG truck loading area, and other ancillary facilities. The facilities would be capable of processing 8 million tons per annum of LNG for export overseas, for use as marine fuel, and to fill LNG trucks for distribution to LNG refueling stations in the region.

Your letter also stated that Magnolia LNG intends to file an application in November 2013. When Magnolia LNG files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on our success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental document and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act documentation. We have selected Natural Resource Group, LLC (NRG) as the third-party contractor to work under the direct supervision and control of the Commission staff. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with NRG so work may begin as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, Janine Cefalu at (202) 502-8271.

Sincerely,

Jeff C. Wright
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