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

Dear Mr. Wellinghoff,

The Government of Canada supports 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, I am writing to express Canada's serious concerns with the proposals to construct LNG terminals on the Maine side of Passamaquoddy Bay in response to the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Downeast LNG which was released on May 15, 2009.

I wanted to bring to your attention the Government of Canada's opposition to the passage of LNG tankers through Head Harbour Passage in New Brunswick. The waters of Head Harbour Passage are internal waters of Canada by virtue of historic title and Canada maintains the right to control and regulate their use. Canada's opposition is also based on concerns regarding navigational safety, environmental and other impacts that such projects could have on Canada. As stated in the draft EIS, Government of Canada cooperation would be required to ensure safe passage. In light of continuing Government of Canada opposition, you may therefore wish to advise project proponents that they should consider withdrawing their applications as these projects cannot go forward as envisioned.

Canada and the United States enjoy the world's largest integrated energy relationship. I remain committed to working with you and your government on enhancing that relationship in a way that takes into consideration the needs and concerns of both of our countries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Wilson".

Michael Wilson
Ambassador

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

Paula Felt

From: Carol Connors
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 3:21 PM
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Subject: Canadian Ambassador's letter to FERC Chairman Wellinghoff
Attachments: Letter to Mr. Jon Wellinghoff.pdf

Jim: Attached is a letter from Ambassador Wilson to Chairman Wellinghoff. It is nothing new, just a reiteration of their longstanding position on Head Harbour Passage.

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