



## GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 10, 2022

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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Attn: Richard Glick, Chairman  
James Danly, Commissioner  
Allison Clements, Commissioner  
Mark Christie, Commissioner  
Willie Phillips, Commissioner  
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Re: Rio Grande LNG, LLC | Docket # CP22-17-000

Dear Chairman Glick, Commissioners Danly, Clements, Christie, and Phillips, and Secretary Bose:

I am pleased to express my support for the incorporation of carbon capture and storage (CCS) systems at the Rio Grande LNG export project in the Port of Brownsville and for a limited amendment application filed by Rio Grande LNG, LLC (RGLNG) on November 17, 2021 (Limited Amendment Application).

The Rio Grande Valley will play a crucial role in developing safe, reliable, and strategically important solutions to capture and permanently sequester carbon dioxide. NextDecade, the parent company of RGLNG and NEXT Carbon Solutions, has listened to concerns about carbon dioxide emissions and responded by implementing measures to lower emissions at the Rio Grande LNG export project, including through the use of CCS, and I am proud to support their efforts.

Importantly for local communities, and as described in the Limited Amendment Application, the implementation of the CCS system at the Rio Grande LNG export project will require approximately 600 additional construction workers and approximately 30 permanent operations workers. NextDecade has estimated that approximately 30 percent of the additional construction workers will be locally sourced from historically underserved communities, and local labor will also be hired to the maximum extent practicable for these new operations roles.

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Beginning with the Rio Grande LNG export project, I am eager to witness the transformative contributions of NEXT Carbon Solutions to the global energy industry through the advancement of its proprietary processes to lower the cost of utilizing CCS technology. I hope the Limited Amendment Application will be favorably considered for timely authorization by the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott", written in a cursive style.

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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