

**Kinder Morgan Statement on DOE authorization of LNG exports
to countries without Free Trade Agreements with the United States**

Kinder Morgan has not executed any contracts for purposes of LNG exports. Our proposed Northeast Energy Direct (NED) project is consistent with our goal of solving the critical need for natural gas in New England and lowering the energy costs of consumers, small business and industry.

To that end, we have executed substantial transportation contracts with domestic local distribution companies to serve New England natural gas customers throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Kinder Morgan also recently closed an open season to provide remaining NED capacity for the electric distribution market to help ensure sufficient supply for natural gas generators, which now produce nearly half of the region's electricity, a percentage ISO-New England, the operator of New England's power grid, has said will continue to climb as more gas-fired plants replace retiring coal, oil and nuclear facilities. We have entered into a significant contract with an electric distribution company (EDC), and we continue to seek additional commitments from EDC's and utilities serving the New England region.

As a study last year by ICF International found, the region's demand for natural gas to generate electricity and for residential and commercial use is increasing and expected to rise at a steady rate. (Local distribution companies alone have projected customer demand will increase by 8 percent over the next three years.) NED is designed to help meet that demand and bring the region the same benefits of abundant, low-cost domestic natural gas now enjoyed by other areas of the country.

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