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## Over 900 Public Comments Submitted in Opposition to Texas LNG Export Terminal

**BROWNSVILLE, TX** -- Yesterday, members of the public from across Texas submitted over 900 public comments to the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Texas LNG export terminal, one of three proposed LNG terminals in South Texas.

The Sierra Club, together with Defenders of Wildlife, Save RGV from LNG, Shrimpers and Fisherman of the RGV, and Vecinos para el Bienestar de la Comunidad Costera, submitted technical comments yesterday that highlight the project's severe adverse impacts on the local environment, the regions where the fracked gas will be extracted, and the climate as a whole, along with the specific informational gaps in the draft EIS itself.

"Thousands of Texans have sent comments opposing Texas LNG, Annova LNG, and Rio Grande LNG to regulators. These export terminals would pollute our air, disrupt our local economy, and deface indigenous burial grounds and remains of a village. FERC must listen to impacted communities and deny all permits to build," said Rebekah Hinojosa, Brownsville Sierra Club Organizer.

"The construction of Texas LNG would be an act of ethnic cleansing of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe. We have historical ties to the Garcia Pasture archeological site and these lands that the export terminal will desecrate if regulators allow it to be built," said **Juan Mancias**, **Chairman of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas**.

"Texas LNG plans to pollute just a mile away from Port Isabel and the Long Island Village community," said **Maria Galasso**, a **member of Save RGV from LNG**. "These polluting projects are not a done deal and we will keep pressuring all regulators, from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to the Army Corps of Engineers to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, to reject all permits. The health of our Laguna Madre communities and the health of our planet requires it."

FERC officials are expected to release a final environmental impact statement for Texas LNG in March 2019 and a decision on its permit in June 2019.

## About the Sierra Club

The Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 3 million members and supporters. In addition to helping people from all backgrounds explore nature and our outdoor heritage, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action. For more information, visit www.sierraclub.org.

## About Save RGV from LNG

Save RGV from LNG is a community-led coalition which has been raising economic, environmental, and community concerns about the proposed LNG complex in the Port of Brownsville for several years.