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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: Elba Express Company, L.L.C., Docket No. CP14-115-000; and
Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C., Docket No. CP14-493-000**

Dear Ms. Bose:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, welcomes the opportunity to comment on the EEC Modification Project in Docket No. CP14-115-000 and the Southern Natural Gas Company Expansion Project in Docket No. CP14-493-000. We request the timely approval of these applications.

Manufacturers use one-third of the energy consumed in this country and depend on a secure, affordable, reliable mix of energy resources to remain competitive. Access to natural gas resources is therefore vitally important. Transformative growth in domestic natural gas production is reshaping the US economy and redefining America's competitive advantages. For energy intensive manufacturing sectors such as paper, chemicals, metals, food, and refining, access to robust energy infrastructure plays a key role in keeping American manufacturing competitive in a global economy.

Further, the improved competitive positioning of manufacturing sectors served by natural gas pipelines provides economic development opportunities to communities across the United States. Proximity to natural gas resources begets new pipeline development which, often through direct access connections to a pipeline, is a fundamental consideration in manufacturing plant site selection. New natural gas pipeline capacity is also needed for the increased utilization of natural gas power generation capacity.

Our energy renaissance has put millions of Americans to work and created countless new opportunities for manufacturers. The NAM supports policies that promote access to natural gas resources in an environmentally sound manner. We appreciate

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your issuance of the Environmental Assessment for the Elba Liquefaction Project and EEC Modification Project in a timely manner and request that the Commission continue to allocate the resources necessary to complete and issue the final authorization decisions for the projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Members of the Subcommittee on Energy
Committee on Energy & Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of the Subcommittee on Energy:

On behalf of the 14,000 manufacturers we represent, small and large, in every industrial sector and in all 50 states and the 12.8 million men and women who make things in America, the National Association of Manufacturers appreciates the opportunity to provide input for your hearing entitled "Modernizing the Natural Gas Act to Ensure it Works for Everyone."

Everyone deserves clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy so that our families, businesses and communities can have a fair chance to benefit from the opportunities American energy creates. Yet, for too long, our nation has relied on infrastructure inherited from previous generations. Special interest groups and bureaucratic red tape have blocked critical infrastructure projects and slowed the development of 21st-century infrastructure investments time and again. Simply put, a slow and ineffective federal regulatory system is holding back modernization that is long overdue. Americans deserve better. Understanding this and taking action to fix it will create jobs, spur domestic investment and improve safety.

Manufacturers utilize and benefit from all forms of energy, while making smart investments to become more energy efficient and protect the environment. Manufacturers will continue finding innovative ways to harness U.S. energy, and the right federal policies can allow us to continue leading the world for years to come. Our nation's pipeline network connects our abundant U.S. natural gas to people across the country. Ensuring reliable access to energy is a critical piece to solving America's infrastructure challenge and tackling climate change. When manufacturers have access to natural gas, it lowers energy and production costs while reducing carbon emissions—helping both our economy and our environment.

Americans rely on energy infrastructure to safely move the energy that powers our lives. Regardless of which energy resource—wind and solar power, natural gas and electricity or others—moving energy safely and efficiently to where it is needed requires a modern and highly interconnected energy infrastructure system. Innovation drives new opportunities—and infrastructure projects bring an influx of investment into

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communities across the country. Our nation's manufacturing sector is undeniably linked to the growth and modernization of our nation's pipeline, electricity, communications and transportation infrastructure. Manufacturers need policies to advance an aggressive infrastructure agenda that addresses chronic underfunding and persistent delays that have plagued key segments of infrastructure. It's time to build for our future.

The NAM appreciates the thoughtful consideration the subcommittee is giving to the issue of permitting new natural gas infrastructure and stands ready to ensure clean, safe and modern infrastructure is built to meet our sector's growing energy demand.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

Comments of the National Association of Manufacturers to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the certification of new natural gas transportation facilities, July 2018.

"Energizing Manufacturing: Natural Gas and Economic Growth," *Center for Manufacturing Research and IHS Economics*, Executive Summary, May 2016.

"The Economic Benefits of Natural Gas Pipeline Development on the Manufacturing Sector," *IHS Economics*, May 2016.