

June 23, 2006

Magalie R. Salas
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Docket No. PF06-22-000
AES Sparrows Point LNG Import Terminal and Mid-Atlantic Express Pipeline
Project

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 24, 2006, a letter requesting the initiation of the pre-filing process under the National Environmental Policy Act was submitted to your agency by AES Sparrows Point, LNG, LLC and Mid-Atlantic Express LLC (collectively "AES"). AES thereby initiated the process to obtain approval to construct a liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal at the Sparrows Point Industrial Complex in Eastern Baltimore County, an area adjoining the City of Baltimore. I am writing to express the strong opposition of the City of Baltimore to this project.

The City's objections are of two types, involving unacceptable security and environmental risks. With respect to the City's security concerns, AES is proposing the placement of a potential bomb on the doorstep of Baltimore, as the proposed facility would be a mere 1.2 miles from the heavily populated residential communities of Turners Station, Edgemere and Dundalk. In addition to the possibility of accidents that may occur at the LNG facility, both the facility and vessels going to and from its terminal would be inviting targets for terrorists, thereby placing the community of Baltimore at great risk.

The proposed LNG terminal would also pose severe environmental risks. For example, the dredging of the contaminated sediments at the Sparrows Point site would disturb contaminants that have settled in the Bay floor, likely releasing PCBs and other toxins. This would cause damage to the Chesapeake Bay and its coastal areas and injure commercial and sport fishing in the Chesapeake Bay. The massive amount of dredging that would be required so vessels could reach the proposed LNG facility would almost

certainly result in the discharge of pollutants into the Coastal Zone in Maryland in violation of Maryland's Coastal Zone Management Program.

For all these reasons, on behalf of the City of Baltimore and its citizens, I respectfully urge your agency to deny the request of AES to proceed with the LNG Sparrows Point project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Mayor, City of Baltimore

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