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CLNG Welcomes Chinese Tariff Exemption Offer for U.S. LNG

(Washington, D.C.) — The Center for LNG today issued the following statement hailing the Chinese State Council for offering tariff exemptions to Chinese buyers of U.S. LNG starting in early March.

Charlie Riedl, Executive Director of the Center for LNG said,

“We are pleased that the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council has offered exemptions for U.S. products, including LNG. This is a big step in the right direction and one we hope that will be extended beyond the current opportunity for a one-year exemption.

“China is expected to be the world’s largest importer of LNG in the coming years and, as the world’s largest producer of natural gas, the United States is well-positioned to provide the natural gas that will help China to secure cleaner energy for its people. The synergies between the two countries offer a great opportunity for exporters and the environment.

“We look forward to both sides returning to normalized trade relations as this will provide certainty to project developers, ensure U.S. LNG’s global competitiveness, and provide growth and market stability for American consumers.”

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