longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person – Thames Howard Davis			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHENIERE ENERGY INC [LNG]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Sr. VP - Marketing						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 700 MILAM ST, SUITE 800			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2011													
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77002			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing/Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqu					Acquir	nired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
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Common	Stock		12/21/2011				M	1	50,000	A	<u>(1)</u> 6	635,529		1	)	
Common	Stock		12/21/2011				F	5	4,675	1) 1	\$ 8.38 5	580,854		1	)	
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	Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
700 SU	ames Howard Davis O MILAM ST ITE 800 OUSTON, TX 77002			Sr. VP - Marketing				

## **Signatures**

/s/ Cara E. Carlson under POA by H. Davis Thames	12/22/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- $Intentional\ misstatements\ or\ omissions\ of\ facts\ constitute\ Federal\ Criminal\ Violations.\ \textit{See}\ 18\ U.S.C.\ 1001\ and\ 15\ U.S.C.$ 78ff(a).
- (1) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Cheniere Energy, Inc. common stock.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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