
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2004

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-16383
(Commission
File Number)

95-4352386
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

333 Clay Street
Suite 3400
Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

(713) 659-1361
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 7, 2004, Cheniere Energy, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its chairman, Charif Souki, will be making a presentation about the company on January 7th at the Pritchard Capital Partners Conference, Energize 2004: New Concepts in Natural Gas, Oil and Power, held at The Omni San Francisco Hotel. The press release and the slide show presentation are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to this report and are incorporated by reference into this Item 9. The Exhibits are not filed but are furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1* Press Release dated January 7, 2004.

99.2* Slide Show Presentation to be presented by Cheniere Energy, Inc. on January 7, 2004 at the Pritchard Capital Partners Conference, Energize 2004: New Concepts in Natural Gas, Oil and Power, held at The Omni San Francisco Hotel.

*—Filed Herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

Date: January 7, 2004

By: /s/ Don A. Turkleson

Name: Don A. Turkleson
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CHENIERE ENERGY INC. NEWS RELEASE

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Cheniere Energy Presents at Pritchard Conference

HOUSTON – January 7, 2004 – Cheniere Energy, Inc. (AMEX: LNG) announced that its chairman, Charif Souki, will make a presentation today about the company at the Pritchard Capital Partners Conference, Energize 2004: New Concepts in Natural Gas, Oil and Power, held at The Omni San Francisco Hotel.

Cheniere Energy, Inc. is a Houston-based developer of LNG receiving terminals and a Gulf of Mexico E&P company. Cheniere is a 30% limited partner in Freeport LNG Development, L.P., which is developing an LNG receiving terminal in Freeport, Texas. Cheniere is also developing the two additional Gulf Coast LNG receiving terminals in Sabine Pass, LA and Corpus Christi, TX. Cheniere conducts exploration for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico using a regional database of 7,000 square miles of PSTM 3D seismic data. Cheniere owns 9% of Gryphon Exploration Company, of which Warburg, Pincus Equity Partners, L.P. owns 91% after an investment of \$85,000,000. Gryphon conducts exploration in the Gulf of Mexico using a regional database of 20,000 square miles of PSTM 3D seismic data.

Additional information about Cheniere Energy, Inc., including the materials being presented at the conference, may be found on its website at www.cheniere.com, by contacting the company's investor and media relations department toll-free at (888) 948-2036 or by writing to: LNG@MDCGroup.com.



Cheniere Energy, Inc.

January 2004

Safe Harbor Act Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain information in this slide show are forward looking statements that are based on management's belief, as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to management. While the company believes that its expectations are based upon reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurances that the company's financial goals will be realized. Numerous uncertainties and risk factors may affect the company's actual results and may cause results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the company. These uncertainties and risk factors include political, economic, environmental and geological issues, including but not limited to, the continued need for additional capital, the competition within the oil and gas industry, the price of oil and gas, currency fluctuations, and other risks detailed from time to time in the company's periodic reports filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

- American Stock Exchange: Ticker LNG
- Common shares outstanding: 16.6 million
- Market capitalization: \$194 million*
- Daily trading volume (30-day): 181,000

* Closing market price on December 31, 2003, was \$11.70.

- E & P:
 - 9.3% Interest in Gryphon Exploration Company
 - Cheniere Exploration Group

- LNG:
 - Cheniere LNG, Inc.
 - 30% of Freeport LNG
 - 66.66% of Corpus Christi
 - 100% of Sabine Pass, Brownsville

NPV-10 of Proved and Probable Reserves ⁽¹⁾	\$ 175 million
Proved and Probable Reserves ⁽²⁾	48 Bcfe
3D Seismic Data Set	20,000 sq. miles
Net Leased Acreage	250,000 ±
Prospects Drilled 2003	10 Exploratory Wells 2 Development Wells
Average Daily Production in September	26 million cubic feet

3D Seismic Data	7,000 sq. miles
Proved Reserves	\$1.4 million *
NPV-10 of Proved Reserves	\$5.0 million *
2003 Drilling Results	9 exploratory wells, 1 development 8 successful wells

*Estimated at Year-end 2003.



Cheniere LNG



A wholly owned subsidiary
of Cheniere Energy, Inc.

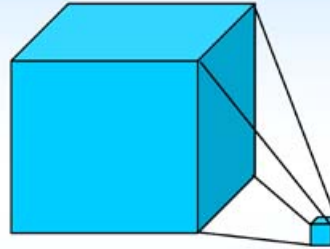


“[This nation’s] limited capacity to import liquified natural gas effectively restricts our access to the world’s abundant supplies of natural gas.”

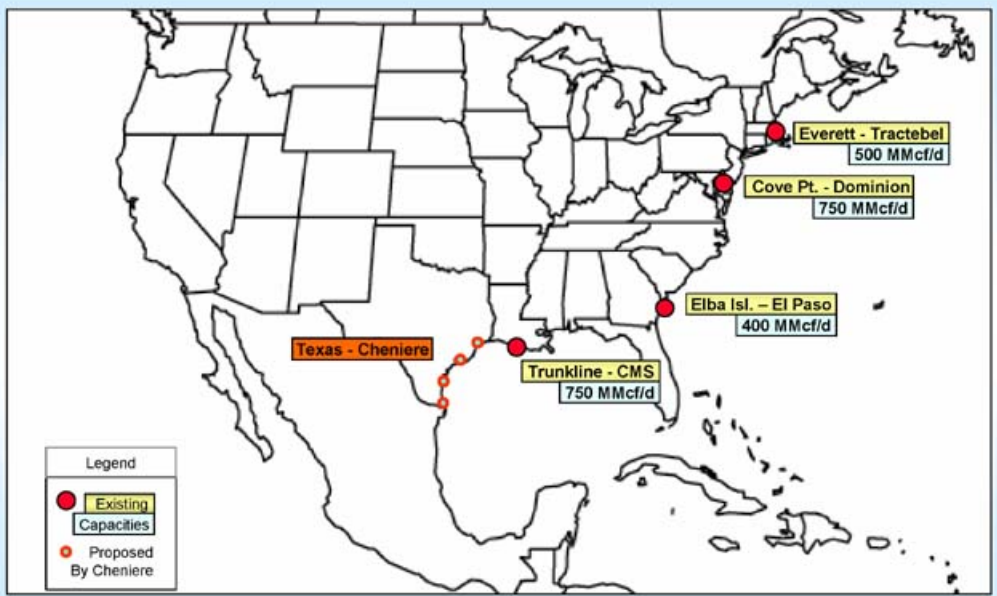
**Alan Greenspan
Federal Reserve Chairman
May 21, 2003**

Testimony before the Joint Economic Committee on the state of the US economy and future economic policy

- Natural gas which is cooled until it liquefies (-259°F)
- Volume is reduced 600 times
- Colorless, odorless and non-toxic
- Shipped and stored at atmospheric pressure
- Easy and safe to store and transport
- Can be heated and vaporized when needed
- Lighter than air when vaporized



- LNG can be landed in the U.S. in a range of \$2.50 – \$3.50 per Mcf.
- Over 5,000 Tcf of stranded gas reserves in 24 countries
- Liquefaction capacity and shipping growing fast
- We estimate that in the next decade the market for LNG in the U.S. will grow to 12 to 15 Bcf per day, necessitating six to eight new terminals.

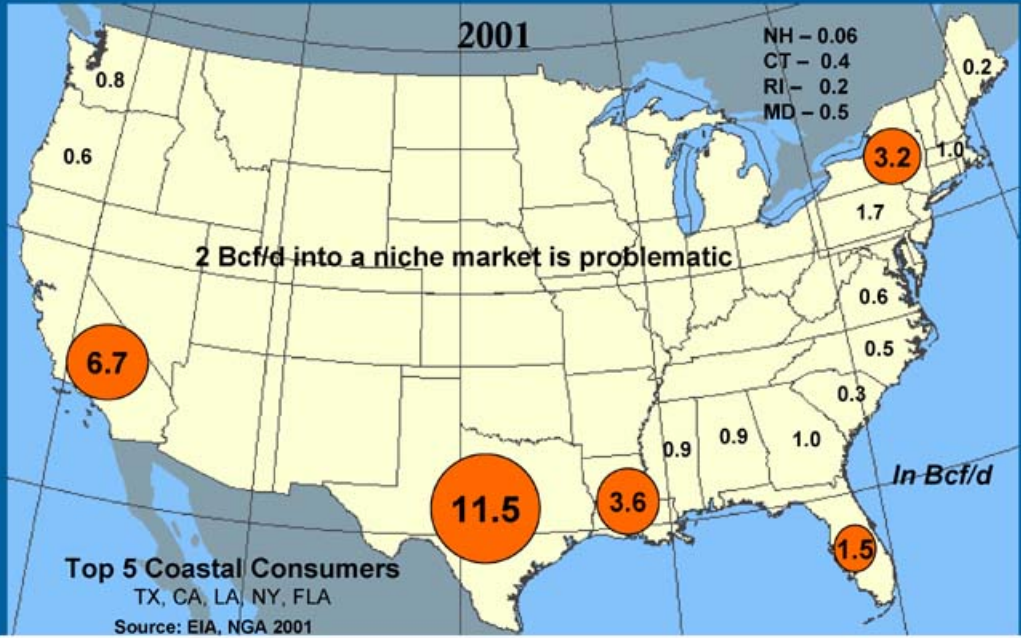


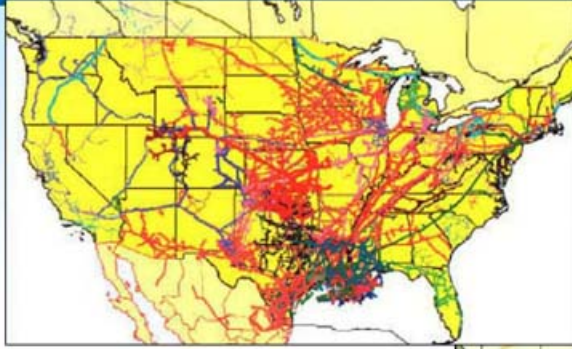
- ✓ deepwater port access and compatibility with shipping traffic;
- ✓ safety, especially suitability of acreage for safety exclusion zones;
- ✓ takeaway capacity in proximity to natural gas pipelines;
- ✓ acceptance by local communities;
- ✓ coordination of federal and state environmental approvals;
- ✓ technological advances for LNG storage and transfer systems.

*FERC Staff member Richard Foley, April 9, 2003 Commission Meeting, cited in *LNG Express* May 2003

Coastal States Gas Consumption

Most coastal states are niche markets

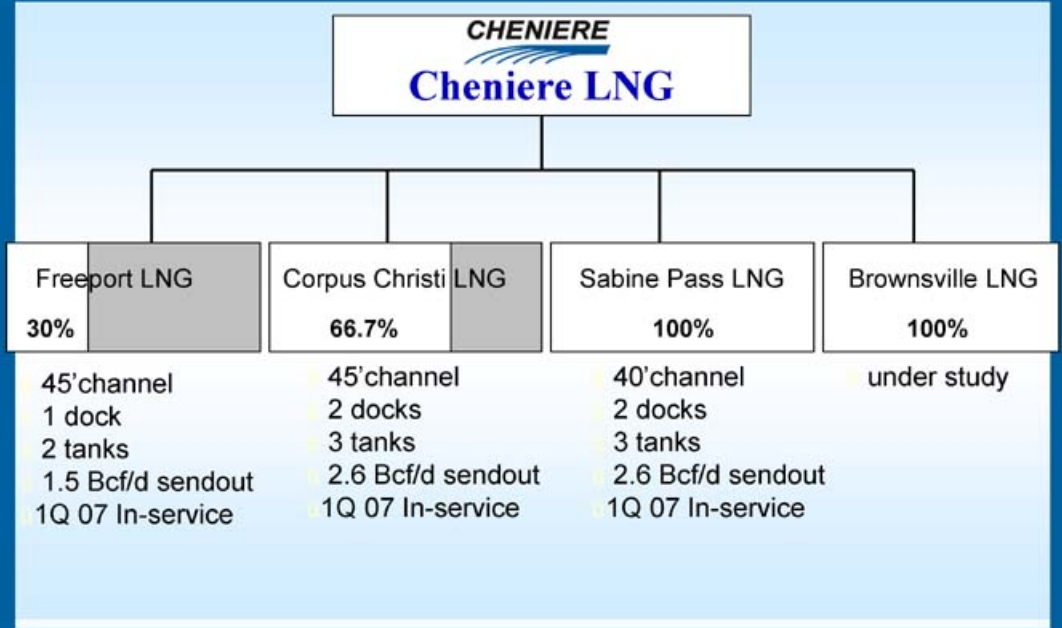




The U.S. has an extensive pipeline network bringing gas from Texas and Louisiana to the Northeast.

Texas has both extensive interstate and intrastate pipeline networks bringing gas from the Texas coast to other demand centers.





- 3 Deepwater Ports
- 5 Unloading Docks
- 8 Storage Tanks (27 Bcf equivalent)

- 6.7 Bcf/d Sendout
- 14 Bcf/d Interstate Pipeline Takeaway Capacity
- 15 Bcf/d Local Markets



- Optionality
- Flexibility
- Reliability
- Liquidity
- Low Cost

- Terminals Operated as Tolling Facility
 - Tenants pay fee per MMBTU for combined terminaling & vaporization services.
- Long-Term Terminal Use Agreement
 - Sufficient to justify construction
 - Fixed
- Additional Capacity Available for Customized and Spot Use
 - Variable fee structure
- Construction Costs per Facility Approximately: \$450 MM
 - Operating Costs: \$ 30 MM
 - Capacity Rates \approx 35¢ / MMbtu

- Major Users: ConocoPhillips, Dow
- Capacity Available: None
- Financing: Provided by Conoco
- Permits: Application Submitted March 2003
Expected 1Q 2004
- In Service Date: 2007
- Cheniere Participation: 30 Percent Limited Partner

- Corpus Christi, Sabine Pass
 - FEED completed November
 - Application filed December 22, 2003 with FERC
 - Capacity marketing, January 2004
 - Anticipated construction start, 2004 (Bechtel)
 - Planned in-service, 2007

- By Decade's End
 - Major stakes in three Gulf Coast LNG receiving terminals
 - Gateways for 6.5 Bcf/d of gas to US markets
 - Access to regasification capacity at three Gulf Coast locations ensures
 - flexible access
 - minimum downtime
 - Lowest cost per Mcf of any receiving facilities

- US needs access to the world's abundant supplies of natural gas
- The US Gulf Coast is the best entry point for significant quantities of LNG
- Cheniere LNG sites are "exceptional"
 - Dwayne Stone, Pres. Black & Veatch
- Freeport capacity off the market
- Combined, the Cheniere LNG receipt network will provide cost effective optionality, flexibility, and reliability for LNG imports.