

## CLNG Mourns Passing of Executive Director Dick Sharples

Washington, D.C. -- The following is a statement from Mark Sikkel, chairman of the management committee for the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG), on this week's sudden death from cancer of CLNG Executive Director Dick Sharples.

"It is with deep sadness that CLNG mourns the passing of Executive Director Dick Sharples. Throughout his entire 30-year career, Dick was an insightful and dynamic leader on behalf of the entire natural gas industry. We extend our sincere condolences to Dick's family during this difficult time and hope they will find solace in knowing just how many lives Dick touched. He will truly be missed.

"A former chairman of both the Natural Gas Council and the Natural Gas Supply Association, Sharples most recently served as senior vice president with Anadarko Petroleum Corp., where he was responsible for all corporate marketing activities and corporate strategic planning. During his career, Dick was witness to the deregulation of natural gas in the U.S. and the U.K., and the privatization of natural gas distribution in Indonesia. Seeing LNG as the next frontier in energy supply, he gave up the notion of an early retirement to assume his role as our executive director in October, 2004.

"He was a valuable representative and prominent spokesman for the LNG industry and, during his short time at the center, was successful in putting CLNG on the map with federal policymakers, testifying before Congress and meeting with regulators to secure their support for increased customer access to global natural gas supplies.

"While at Anadarko, Dick also served as president of both Anadarko Energy Services Co. and Anadarko Gathering Co. He also was vice president of marketing for Maxus Energy Corp. and its predecessor, Diamond Shamrock Corp. His career also included stints at Texas Crude Exploration and Conoco.

"His many friends and colleagues throughout the entire energy industry are profoundly saddened by this loss."

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