



Veteran Energy Industry Executive Benjamin Atkins Joins NextDecade as CFO

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THE WOODLANDS, Texas, USA – NextDecade LLC, a development and management company of liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects that provides customers access to the full LNG value chain, announced today that energy industry veteran Benjamin Atkins has joined NextDecade as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Atkins brings substantial financial experience, particularly within the energy sector where he has managed debt and equity investments in power and midstream project companies.

“Benjamin brings with him a distinguished career in finance and business leadership, including experience with high-growth energy companies,” said Kathleen Eisbrenner, chief executive officer of NextDecade. “As CFO, he will be an important contributor during a period of exciting growth for NextDecade in the global LNG marketplace.”

Prior to joining NextDecade, Atkins was a senior vice president with GE Capital for 10 years. Prior to his tenure at GE Capital, he served New York and Boston financial services clients at McKinsey & Co and worked as a risk manager in State Street Corporation’s Securities Finance division.

“NextDecade is building an impressive portfolio of LNG solutions through collaboration with its customers,” said Atkins. “The company has already achieved remarkable momentum in its commercial and development initiatives with the Rio Grande project in South Texas. I’m excited to join NextDecade and look forward to contributing to its ongoing success.”

Atkins graduated as valedictorian from the U.S. Naval Academy and proudly served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force. He earned a Master of Arts degree from Oxford University. Atkins is a CFA® charterholder and a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Connecticut.

About NextDecade LLC

NextDecade, based in The Woodlands, Texas, is a global development and management company of land-based and floating LNG projects creating innovative opportunities in the integrated natural gas industry. NextDecade delivers opportunities for customers to meet their unique needs by providing access to the full spectrum of the LNG value chain, including infrastructure development, natural gas supply, and project ownership. In addition, NextDecade provides commercial flexibility and strategic partnerships inside a company culture that respects the values and needs of customers and the communities in which it operates. NextDecade's current focus includes its Rio Grande LNG project in Brownsville, Texas, in addition to the Pelican Island LNG project in Galveston, Texas. Founded in 2010, NextDecade represents a team of industry leaders with more than 200 years of combined experience in the full LNG value chain, including successfully closing major LNG off-take deals, LNG/FLNG technology, and project management. The world-class team has developed, led, closed and operated industry-leading LNG, Gas and Electricity projects globally. For more information, please visit www.next-decade.com.

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About NextDecade Corporation

NextDecade is an LNG development company primarily focused on LNG export projects and associated pipelines in Texas. NextDecade intends to develop a portfolio of LNG projects, including the 27 mtpa Rio Grande LNG export facility in Brownsville, Texas and the 4.5 Bcf/d Rio Bravo Pipeline that would transport natural gas from the Agua Dulce area to Rio Grande LNG. NextDecade's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "NEXT." NextDecade is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Located at the Port of Brownsville in South Texas, NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG project is expected to be a leader among second wave U.S. LNG projects. NextDecade believes its customers and shareholders will benefit from the project's experienced leadership, proven approach, and optimal location. NextDecade's technology selections are expected to foster operational reliability and afford NextDecade's customers access to abundant natural gas from the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, and other basins.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of U.S. federal securities laws. The words "believe," "expect," "intend," "plan," "potential," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, and these statements may relate to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries. These statements have been based on the Company's current assumptions, expectations, and projections about future events and involve a number of known and unknown risks, which may cause actual results to differ materially from expectations expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. These risks include uncertainties about the Company's Rio Grande LNG and Rio Bravo pipeline projects and other matters discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and other subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Any development of the projects remain contingent upon completing required commercial agreements; acquiring all necessary permits and approvals; securing all financing commitments and potential tax incentives; achieving other customary conditions; and making a final investment decision to proceed. The forward-looking statements in this press release speak as of the date of this release. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company can give no assurance that the expectations will prove to be correct. The Company may from time to time voluntarily update its prior forward-looking statements, however, it disclaims any commitment to do so except as required by securities laws.

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