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**Veteran Energy Industry Executive Benjamin Atkins Joins NextDecade as CFO**



*Former GE Capital executive brings significant financial leadership experience to NextDecade*

**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.

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### **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.nextdecade.com](http://www.nextdecade.com).

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