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## **NextDecade Selects ABB to Automate and Electrify Second Wave of U.S. LNG**

*ABB has been selected as the Automation and Electrical partner for NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG project in South Texas*

**HOUSTON, Texas, USA** (March 7, 2017) -- NextDecade Corporation (NextDecade) (NASDAQ: NEXT) has chosen ABB Ltd. (ABB) (SIX Swiss Ex: ABBN) to provide an integrated automation and electrical solution for its Rio Grande LNG project in South Texas. The automation of plant control systems will optimize plant performance and efficiency, representing a logical extension of NextDecade's low cost, lower risk development strategy in combination with Rio Grande LNG's optimal South Texas location.

"This agreement enables NextDecade to drive higher capital efficiencies through a unique, integrated approach among ABB, CB&I – NextDecade's EPC contractor – and the NextDecade team via automation and electrical systems," said Matt Schatzman, NextDecade President & CEO. "NextDecade expects ABB's solutions to reduce the schedule, equipment footprint, and cost of our Rio Grande LNG facility, while providing greater operational flexibility."

"Partnering with ABB not only provides a fully integrated automation and electrical solution, but also ABB Ability™, our integrated digital solutions offering. ABB Ability™ gives customers access to best-practice benchmarking, and transparency into operations, to improve operational performance, efficiency and productivity," said Greg Scheu, ABB President Americas Region. "Our deep domain expertise, coupled with our history of innovation and collaboration with industry, will deliver a step change in operating efficiencies and improved throughput for NextDecade. Together, ABB, CB&I and NextDecade are helping to transform the growing LNG market in the U.S."

ABB's major projects execution center in Houston leads the industry in combined automation and electrical projects designed to deliver higher value for its customers globally. This world-class project delivery model will be fully deployed on NextDecade's Rio Grande LNG project.

Rio Grande LNG is a proposed 27 mtpa LNG export facility to be located on a 984-acre site on the Brownsville Ship Channel in South Texas and will be constructed in phases timed to meet market demand. The approximately 137-mile proposed Rio Bravo Pipeline will supply the facility with its feedgas, connecting it to the Agua Dulce natural gas supply area. Rio Grande LNG is currently in the advanced stages of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) review and permitting process.

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## About NextDecade Corporation

NextDecade is an LNG development company 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 supply area in Nueces County, Texas to Rio Grande LNG. NextDecade's common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "NEXT." NextDecade is headquartered in The Woodlands, Texas. [www.next-decade.com](http://www.next-decade.com)

## About ABB

**ABB** (ABBN: SIX Swiss Ex) is a pioneering technology leader in electrification products, robotics and motion, industrial automation and power grids, serving customers in utilities, industry and transport & infrastructure globally. Continuing a history of innovation spanning more than 130 years, ABB today is writing the future of industrial digitalization with two clear value propositions: bringing electricity from any power plant to any plug and automating industries from natural resources to finished products. As title partner of Formula E, the fully electric international FIA motorsport class, ABB is pushing the boundaries of e-mobility to contribute to a sustainable future. ABB operates in more than 100 countries with about 135,000 employees. [www.abb.com](http://www.abb.com)

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