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FRIENDS OF THE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS INC. OPPOSE SITING LNG FACILITY ON OUTER BREWSTER ISLAND

The Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area will celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2006. A LNG off loading and gas storage facility on Outer Brewster Island is not an appropriate birthday present for the citizens of the Commonwealth and the nation. Our national parks should not be for sale. Neither should state and city parks.

There is no question that the park needs additional resources to realize its potential as one of the recreational, educational, and historical gems of Massachusetts and the nation. But selling public land is not the way to generate the revenue that our park systems so desperately need.

AES/Battery Rock LLC has yet to present plans for a LNG facility in the national park to the owners and managers of the Park Partnership and its public Advisory Council.

There is no question that energy use, conservation, and development of alternative sources of energy, are critical issues. Comprehensive and public regional planning efforts instead of piecemeal private proposals are needed.

The late harbor historian/author, Edward Rowe Snow, formed the Society for the Preservation of Fort Warren nearly fifty five years ago when Georges Island was being considered for siting a hazardous waste storage facility. Today, the islands are a national park which should insure that they are "preserved and protected" forever.

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