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IECA PRESIDENT TO TESTIFY ON LNG EXPORTS AND PURPA BILLS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America’s (IECA) President, Paul N. Cicio, will [testify](#) before the House Subcommittee on Energy tomorrow on “Legislation Addressing LNG Exports and PURPA Modernization.”

IECA is opposed to H.R. 4605, the Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act, and H.R. 4476, the PURPA Modernization Act of 2017. Both bills will be discussed during the hearing.

TESTIMONY KEY POINTS

H.R. 4605, the Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act:

- It is anti-consumer and removes long-standing Congressional consumer protections to ensure that LNG export volumes do not damage the economy and jobs.
- DOE has already approved excessive volumes equal to over 70 percent of U.S. 2016 demand. Exporting volumes at this level would crush the economy and cannot possibly be in the “public interest” and is a legal issue for DOE to address. Congress needs to launch oversight of the DOE.
- The bill presents Congress with the choice of either supporting the oil and gas industry or voters back home, who risk higher natural gas and electricity costs long-term.

H.R. 4476, the PURPA Modernization Act of 2017:

- We thank Congressman Walberg for exempting industrial cogeneration, but manufacturing qualifying facilities (QFs) classified as “small power producers” must also be exempted.
- PURPA is essential for manufacturing to preserve the ability to self-generate power to support competitiveness and jobs.
- Manufacturing PURPA QFs are not in the business of generating and selling power.

To read Mr. Cicio’s opening hearing statement, go [here](#).