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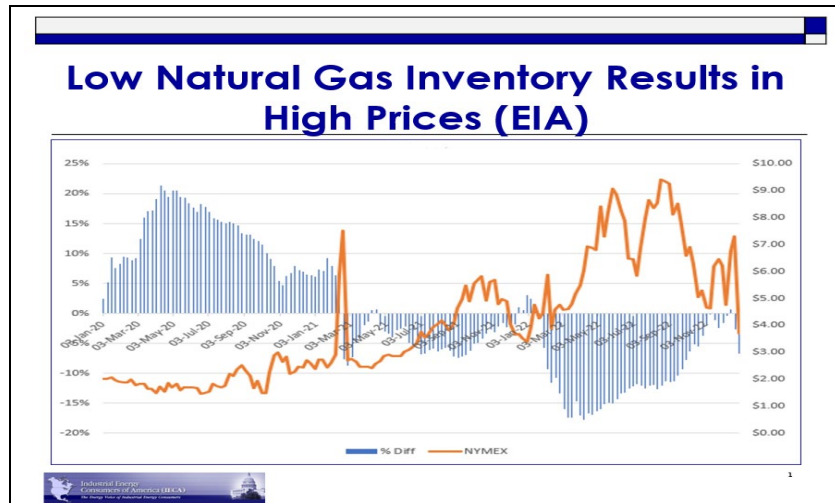
***LNG EXPORTS HAVE MARKET POWER OVER U.S. CONSUMERS
 URGE SUPPORT FOR LNG INVENTORY POLICY TO INSULATE U.S. CONSUMERS
 FROM IMPACTS OF LNG EXPORTS***

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) sent [comments for the record](#) to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources urging both Congress and the Biden administration to implement an LNG Inventory Policy to insulate the domestic market from the negative impacts of LNG export demand during peak demand and when inventories are low. The LNG policy does not cost the U.S. taxpayers anything and does not impact supply to our allies.

Paul Cicio, President and CEO of IECA stated:

LNG exports have market power because they are insensitive to the price of U.S. natural gas and their demand is highest in the winter when we have our highest demand. Even in the dead of winter when U.S. inventories are low, and when prices are higher than normal, they will pay any price, no matter how high, to keep the lights on in their country. That is unbridled market power.

The U.S. experienced these dynamics in real terms in 2022 when U.S. inventories were low and exports increased. As a result, U.S. consumers paid \$84 billion and \$53 billion more for their natural gas and electricity than they paid in 2021. The combined \$137 billion cost increase fueled inflation throughout the entire economy (see figure below).



The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.1 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.8 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.