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EIA AEO 2018 CUMULATIVE NATURAL GAS DEMAND TO 2050 CONSUMES 69 PERCENT OF ALL EIA KNOWN TECHNICALLY RECOVERABLE RESOURCES IN LOWER 48

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) sent a [letter](#) to Energy Secretary Rick Perry, Secretary Wilbur Ross, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer today urging them to not approve further LNG export applications and eliminate decision making that is not consistent with President Trump’s “America First” policy and fair trade.

The Energy Information Administration’s (EIA) Annual Energy Outlook (AEO) 2018 cumulative natural gas demand to 2050 consumes 69 percent of all known technically recoverable resources in the lower 48. The same analysis using AEO 2017 cumulative demand consumed 56 percent of all resources. The U.S. is consuming and exporting natural gas at a faster rate that we are finding new natural gas resources.

The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) approval of LNG export volumes equal to almost 70 percent of 2016 U.S. demand¹ for periods of 20 to 30 years, cannot possibly be in the “public interest” under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), which raises the question of the legality of further LNG export approvals.

Excessive LNG exports pose a real threat to domestic manufacturing, manufacturing jobs, and the economy long-term. We urge a measured approach and metrics to determine public interest which will guide informed short and long-term decision making, and the establishment of prudent consumer safeguards.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 3,400 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.7 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, building products, automotive, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.

¹ Summary of LNG Export Applications of the Lower 48 States, U.S. Department of Energy, <https://energy.gov/fe/downloads/summary-lng-export-applications-lower-48-states>