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DOE SHOULD REJECT MAGNOLIA LNG LLC APPLICATION TO EXPORT LNG TO NFTA COUNTRIES

Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America, submitted a [Notice of Intervention, Protest, and Comment](#) on the Magnolia LNG LLC export terminal. The Natural Gas Act (NGA) requires that applications that ship LNG to non-free trade agreement (NFTA) countries must not be inconsistent with the *public interest*. The DOE LNG export studies illustrate that the public does not benefit from excessive LNG exports and in fact, are damaged by them. Only natural gas producers and exporters benefit.

If the DOE mismanages and approves high volumes of LNG exports, and U.S. manufacturers lose the competitive advantage, it puts trillions of dollars of manufacturing assets at risk, a sector with over 12.5 million high paying jobs. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the oil and gas industry had only 415.1 thousand jobs in 2018 or 3.3 percent of that of the manufacturing sector. This means that even if oil and gas jobs doubled due to LNG exports, the gain in jobs would pale in comparison to what would be lost in the manufacturing sector.

On December 28, 2018, the DOE stated that it is their intention to approve all LNG export applications to NFTA countries, a volume of natural gas equal to 71 percent of U.S. 2018 demand. Exports of this magnitude are not in the public interest.

The DOE LNG export studies used proprietary economic models that are not reproducible and therefore lack integrity and transparency, and assures that no one can challenge the findings. The DOE has decided that the Data Quality Act (DQA), a law designed to increase transparency in public policymaking, does not apply to them.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 3,700 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.