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REBUTTAL TO H.R. 6 – FALSE CLAIMS OF SENDING MARKET SIGNAL IN SUPPORT OF NATO ALLIES

Proponents of H.R. 6 have stated that the approval of all the proposed LNG terminals would send a “market signal” to Russia and have the immediate effect of reducing natural gas prices for our NATO allies. This is simply not correct.

The combination of globally operational, under construction facilities, and U.S. and Canadian approved liquefaction plants totaling 556.9 metric tons per annum (Mtpa), greatly exceed existing global demand of 237.7 Mtpa by 134 percent.¹ In other words, there already is excess capacity planned for LNG shipments and excess EU capacity to receive LNG that is not being utilized. The “market signal” already exists.

“H.R. 6 does not send a market signal that does not already exist,” stated Paul N. Cicio, President of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America. “What H.R. 6 does is send a chilling message to domestic manufacturers that unfettered LNG exports will increase natural gas prices just like they did in Australia. Today, manufacturers are leaving Australia.”

[View IECA letter to House Committee on Energy and Commerce on H.R. 6.](#)

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¹ World LNG Report - 2013 Edition, International Gas Union