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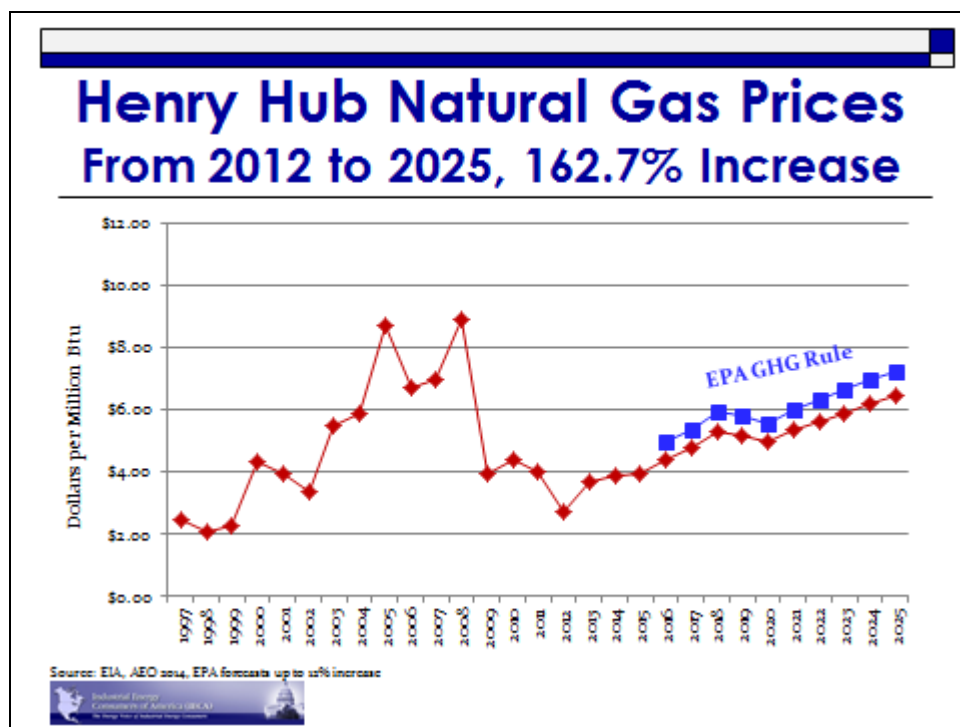
The Honorable Mary Landrieu
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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RE: Hearings on LNG Exports

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we request an invitation to testify before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on the LNG export issue. In both recent hearings on the issue, the Committee has not had any witnesses from the energy-intensive trade-exposed industries, the industries which are most impacted by higher natural gas and electricity prices.

If we have so much affordable natural gas, why then are prices rising so significantly? The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is forecasting significantly higher prices as you can see from the chart below. And, the forecast for 2025 does not include all of the LNG export volume that is conditionally approved by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to ship to non-free trade countries. We have added the EPA's estimated price impact due to the proposed GHG rule for existing electrical generators.



As America's energy-intensive trade-exposed industries, we consume over 80 percent of the energy of the entire manufacturing sector and are investing over \$100 billion in new facilities nationwide. The manufacturing sector consumes 29 percent of U.S. natural gas. We are also some of the largest consumers of electricity in the country. We recognize the importance of having an adequate domestic supply of natural gas, and that excessive exports of LNG will directly harm our competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 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: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.