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MANUFACTURERS URGE DOE TO PLACE MORATORIUM ON LNG EXPORT APPROVALS TO NFTA COUNTRIES

DEMAND SCENARIOS DEMONSTRATE THAT 58-71 PERCENT OF ALL U.S. NATURAL GAS RESOURCES COULD BE CONSUMED BY 2050

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America’s (IECA) President, Paul N. Cicio, issued the following statement today in response to a [letter](#) sent to Energy Secretary Rick Perry on two LNG export demand scenarios.

“It is time for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to put American residential and industrial consumers first by establishing a moratorium on further LNG export approvals to non-free trade agreement (NFTA) countries, and put consumer safeguards in place.”

Importantly, the Obama Administration’s “public interest” LNG export studies, which are still being used to justify LNG export approvals to NFTA countries, did not consider the “cumulative” export volume to FTA and NFTA countries and how it could contribute to consumption of vast amounts of U.S. natural resources nor its economic impact.

- Scenario I assumptions include: the EIA AEO 2017 cumulative net demand for natural gas, which includes exports of LNG and shipments to Mexico, and compares it to the EIA technically recoverable U.S. natural gas resources in the lower 48. The AEO 2017 forecast includes LNG exports rising to 12.1 Bcf/d by 2035. This scenario illustrates that with only 12.1 Bcf/d of LNG exports, 58 percent of all U.S. technically recoverable natural gas resources are consumed by 2050, only 33 years.
- Scenario II assumptions include: the same assumptions as Scenario I, but includes the volume of LNG export applications equal to 54 Bcf/d that the DOE has already approved. Using EIA’s annual average forecasted increases in LNG exports from 2016 to 2020 of 1.58 Bcf/d and using this same growth rate for the years beyond 2020 until LNG export volumes reach 54 Bcf/d, 71 percent of U.S. technically recoverable resources are consumed by 2050.

These scenarios give justification to the halt of further LNG export approvals of shipments to NFTA countries.