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MANUFACTURERS REQUEST DOE TO CONDUCT LEGAL REVIEW OF LNG EXPORT APPLICATIONS TO NFTA COUNTRIES – NATURAL GAS ACT – PUBLIC INTEREST

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America’s (IECA) President, Paul N. Cicio, issued the following statement today in regarding a [letter](#) that IECA sent to Acting General Counsel John T. Lucas of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

“The previous Administration failed to properly conduct public interest determinations on LNG application volumes for export to non-free trade agreement (NFTA) countries as required under the Natural Gas Act (NGA).

“We urge you to conduct a legal review of this matter and halt further considerations of LNG export applications to NFTA countries until the legal review is completed.

“The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has already approved LNG export volumes to NFTA countries equal to 20.6 Bcf/d or 27.3 percent of U.S. 2016 demand and to FTA countries equal to 33.4 Bcf/d or a 44.4 percent of 2016 U.S. demand. It is unfathomable that such LNG export volumes, which create such known and unknown price and reliability risk long-term, could possibly be in the public interest.

“The American public has no idea what the DOE has done to mortgage their natural gas future. Today, the U.S. natural gas market is a ‘free market’ whereby price is determined by domestic supply and demand. If we export too much LNG, prices will eventually rise to global levels. At that point, foreign nations demand for LNG will dictate what price Americans pay. This is certainly not in the interests of the American public.”

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 2,600 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.