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IECA OPPOSES FOUR LNG EXPORT APPLICATIONS – DOE AND LNG EXPORTERS HAVE FAILED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE IS ADEQUATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE CAPACITY TO SERVE ACCELERATING LNG EXPORTS AND DOMESTIC CONSUMERS

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) submitted comments opposing four LNG export applications at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

LNG export volumes **decrease** pipeline capacity that is available to U.S. consumers, because the natural gas is committed to going offshore to supply other countries, not U.S. consumers. By the end of 2019, LNG exports will have reduced available pipeline capacity nearly 10 Bcf/day. At the same time, placed in service interstate natural gas pipelines have slowed. New pipeline capacity faces growing headwinds.

The Natural Gas Act (NGA) requires that LNG shipments to non-free trade agreement (NFTA) countries must not be inconsistent with the public interest. Among other things, because the DOE has failed to determine whether there is adequate natural gas pipeline capacity for the domestic market at normal demand or at peak demand with consideration to the four LNG export applications, approval of the applications to export are not in the public interest.

The DOE has approved about 31.2 Bcf/d of cumulative volume, equal to about 38 percent of 2018 demand to NFTA countries and 56.0 Bcf/d or 68 percent to FTA countries. The DOE approved LNG export applications are legal commitments to export for 20-30 years, substantially increasing risks to the U.S. consumer.

The applications include: [Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC \(Docket No. 19-133-LNG\)](#), [Cheniere Marketing, LLC \(Docket No. 19-124-LNG\)](#), [Commonwealth LNG, LLC \(Docket No. 19-134-LNG\)](#), and [Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC \(Docket No. 19-125-LNG\)](#). These four applications increase approved LNG export volume by 3.5 Bcf/day.

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.