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The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Proposed Procedural Changes on LNG Exports – Comment Period

Dear Secretary Moniz:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we thank you for your leadership in proposing changes to the Department of Energy's policy regarding natural gas exports. IECA hopes the changes will increase transparency of the decision making process, and the completion of a new economic study using up-to-date demand and supply information is essential for sound public policy decision making.

However, we believe that the 45-day comment period is too short to conduct the type of analysis necessary to provide fully informed comments to the Department of Energy. Please consider this letter a formal request from IECA for the Department of Energy to extend the comment period to 120 days.

If not for any other reason, the EPA on June 2, 2014 released a proposed rule to regulate GHGs for existing electrical generators which is extraordinarily important and complex. No one questions that the rule will have significant impacts to the consumption of natural gas. It will take added time to evaluate the EPA proposed rule and to incorporate the findings into the IECA comments on the DOE proposed procedural changes on LNG exports.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and we look forward to the Department of Energy extending the comment period.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

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.