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MANUFACTURERS URGE DOE TO SUSPEND SPOT LNG EXPORTS TO REDUCE NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY PRICES AND ENSURE RELIABILITY

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Chris Wright to urge immediate suspension of spot LNG exports to reduce natural gas and electricity prices and ensure reliability.

Paul N. Cicio, President of IECA, made the following statement:

We urgently request the Secretary to take action to suspend spot LNG export volume to provide U.S. consumers price relief and reliability using authorities granted to the U.S. Department of Energy under the Natural Gas Act, Section 16. This request is consistent with President Trump’s “America First” policy. The price of natural gas has exceeded the highest level in 25 years and electricity prices are soaring.

Prices of natural gas and electricity are so high that many manufacturers cannot produce products at a profit and are shutting down. This will result in significant supply chain disruptions and inflation. Making matters worse is that sufficient pipeline capacity is not available to the manufacturing sector as described in a December 23, 2025 letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.¹

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.9 million employees. One hundred percent of IECA members are manufacturing companies whose competitiveness is largely determined by the cost and reliability of natural gas and electricity. IECA’s sole mission is to reduce and avoid energy costs and increase energy reliability through advocacy in Congress and regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.

¹ FERC Request to Open a Section 5 “Show Cause” Proceeding to Increase Natural Gas Pipeline Capacity for Manufacturing, December 23, 2025, https://www.ieca-us.org/wp-content/uploads/12.23.25_IECA-FERC-Request-for-Rulemaking_Pipeline-Capacity-for-Manufacturing_FINAL.pdf