

To Whom it May Concern:

This correspondence is being submitted to provide a formal comment on proposed rule DOE-HQ-2017-0018-000, regarding small-scale natural gas exports. After a thorough review of the proposed rule, and associated documents and surveys, it is my firm belief that the rule should be approved and accepted by the Office of the Secretary.

The proposed rule appears to offer multifaceted benefits to small businesses in the U.S. with few, if any drawbacks. Specifically, the 2014 EIA LNG study's assertion that the proposed rule will have a net positive GDP increase, should be a deciding factor regarding the rule's implementation. The proposed rule would limit government's overregulation of natural gas exports in small quantities. The lifting of excessive review and regulation of small scale natural gas exports will drastically benefit smaller scale corporations in this market.

The gravity of this rules implementation will prove to be pivotal, as natural gas's market share of electricity production rises. According to ExxonMobil 2017 Outlook for Energy, "projects a 45 percent increase in global natural gas production and use by 2040." This shift in production and consumption will further increase the benefit of the relative deregulation of its U.S. exportation.

The U.S. will further stand to benefit due to the fact that we maintain a relative advantage over global competition by way of production technology. While the U.S natural gas reserves do trail behind other foreign countries, according to BP Global's proven estimates, the U.S. is uniquely positioned to capitalize on advancements in production that will allow domestic corporations to maximize their financial output. This of course is dependent upon the large scale reduction in costly export regulations for natural gas. While this rule is not a cure-all for the problem, it is an important step that can be used as a measurement for future deregulation. Additionally, as pointed out in the Statutory Background and substantiated by Forbes, the implementation of this rule will not have a negative effect on the American consumer. Lastly I would like to applaud the effort of the DOE in the introduction of this rule and wholeheartedly support it with the submission of this comment. Thank you for your consideration and review of my correspondence.

Sincerely,

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