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APGA Testifies at Energy and Power Subcommittee Hearing Titled “H.R. 6, The Domestic Prosperity and Global Security Act”

This afternoon, Dave Schryver, Executive Vice President for the American Public Gas Association (APGA), will testify at the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Power hearing to address the Domestic Prosperity and Global Security Act (H.R. 6). A copy of APGA’s testimony can be viewed on the APGA website at www.apga.org/testimony.

APGA opposes all exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the lower 48 states. The simple economics of supply and demand, along with every study that has been conducted on the subject—whether done by the federal government or by private consulting companies—all reach one conclusion: exports will increase the price of domestic natural gas.

In its testimony, APGA expresses strong concerns regarding the impact that the export of LNG will have on natural gas consumers and our economy as a whole, as well as the lost opportunity to reduce our energy dependence. APGA also communicates that U.S. natural gas will be sold by private firms to the highest bidder without any consideration of U.S. geopolitical interests. The gas will ultimately be sold wherever these firms can obtain the highest price. Rather than exporting LNG, a focus should be on exporting the drilling technology that has enabled producers in this country to tap into our huge shale reserves. There are vast shale reserves in Europe, including the Ukraine, that are available for exploration.

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APGA is the national association of municipally and publicly-owned local distribution systems. There are about 1000 public gas systems serving more than 5 million customers. These public gas utilities are not-for-profit retail distribution entities that are owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that have natural gas distribution facilities.