

**Testimony of Charlie Riedl, Executive Director of the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas, before the Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Commerce Committee, & Select Climate Committee GOP Forum**

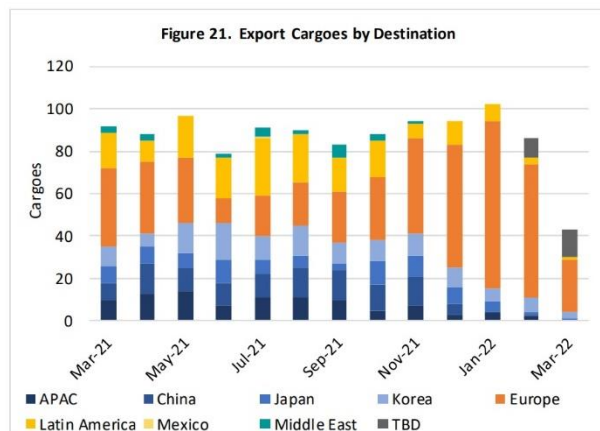
**THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF U.S. LNG IN STABILIZING GLOBAL MARKETS**

March 18, 2022

Good morning, Leader McCarthy, Ranking Member Westerman, Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Graves, and members of the committees. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Charlie Riedl, I am the Executive Director for the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas or CLNG.

CLNG advocates for public policies that advance the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and its export. A committee of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), CLNG represents the full LNG value chain, including LNG producers, shippers, terminal operators and developers, providing it with unique insight into the ways in which the vast potential of this abundant, clean and versatile resource can be fully realized around the world.

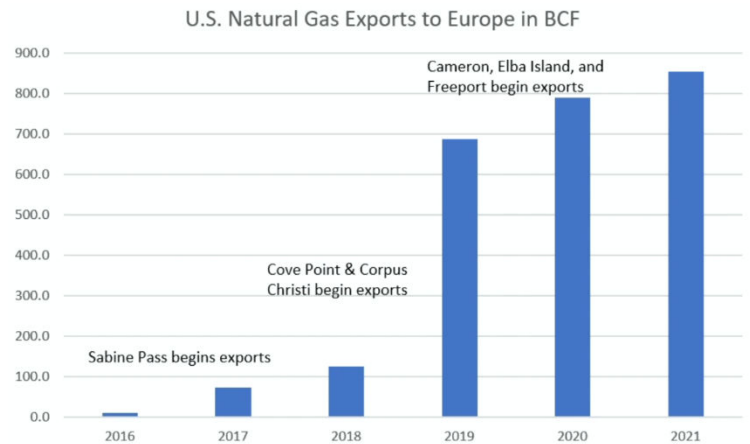
We appreciate the opportunity to address this group about the evolving global natural gas market and the many security, environmental and economic benefits of U.S. LNG exports. America’s abundance of natural gas has led to our emergence as a world-class exporter of natural gas, creating U.S. jobs, growing our economy, significantly strengthening global energy security -- all while reducing emissions and traditional pollutants.



Source: RBN Energy’s LNG Voyager Report March 15, 2022

European energy markets are in turmoil as the world reacts to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. As Europe looks to reduce its reliance on Russian energy, U.S. natural gas producers and LNG exporters will play a key role. Currently, 75% of the LNG cargoes leaving the U.S. are headed to Europe, but that is not enough to meet Europe’s 45 Bcf/d natural gas demand. U.S. name plate capacity is roughly 12 Bcf/d. While U.S. LNG cannot replace all Russian pipeline gas exports to Europe in the short term, additional LNG export facilities in the U.S. and additional import facilities and infrastructure in Europe will help ease the transition.

U.S. LNG has a long history of exports to Europe, dating back to 2016 the first year LNG was exported from the lower 48, but as Europe looks to reshape their energy markets, more U.S. LNG will be necessary. Currently there are more than 3.5 Bcf/d in LNG export capacity awaiting regulatory approval at FERC and DOE and twenty applications for long-term exports to non-FTA countries pending with DOE, representing billions of cubic feet a day of gas that can be exported to allies and partners in Europe and around the globe. These represent sizable investments in securing Europe’s energy security, U.S. economic growth, and global emissions reductions and are being met with regulatory uncertainty.



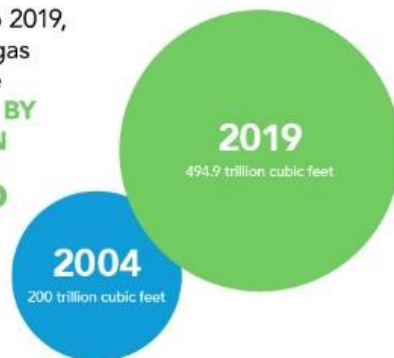
Source: DOE Monthly LNG Report March, 2022

The United States is blessed with an abundant natural gas resource base, allowing us to serve both domestic and global markets. Unlocking more of these resources through LNG exports, allows for more stabilized natural gas production, high paying jobs, continued leadership in the global climate space, and geopolitical tools to help blunt and deter regimes seeking to use energy as a weapon.

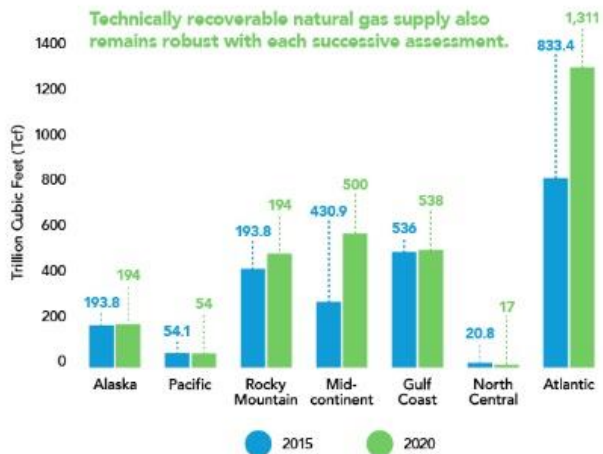
## BUILDING RESERVES, GROWING SUPPLY

U.S. proved reserves of natural gas are enormous – but that’s just one part of a future supply that keeps growing.

From 2004 to 2019, total natural gas reserves have **INCREASED BY MORE THAN 148%**



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