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S. 816

To amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Scale LNG Ac-
5 cess Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF CERTAIN**
2 **VOLUMES OF NATURAL GAS.**

3 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
4 is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(c) **EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL**
7 **PROCESS.**—

8 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of subsection
9 (a), the following shall be deemed to be consistent
10 with the public interest, and applications for such
11 importation or exportation shall be granted without
12 modification or delay:

13 “(A) The importation of the natural gas
14 referred to in subsection (b).

15 “(B) The exportation of natural gas in a
16 volume up to and including 51,750,000,000
17 cubic feet per year.

18 “(C) The exportation of natural gas to a
19 nation with which there is in effect a free trade
20 agreement requiring national treatment for
21 trade in natural gas.

22 “(2) **EXCLUSION.**—Subparagraphs (B) and (C)
23 of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any nation sub-
24 ject to sanctions imposed by the United States.”.

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