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To expedite applications to export natural gas, to require the public disclosure of liquefied natural gas export destinations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BEGICH) 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 “Natural Gas Export
5 Promotion Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPLICATIONS TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred
8 to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall issue a final
9 decision on any application for authorization to export

1 natural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15
2 U.S.C. 717b) that is pending on or filed on or after the
3 date of enactment of this Act not later than 45 days after
4 conclusion of the review required by the National Environ-
5 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

6 (b) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except for review in the Su-
8 preme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for
9 the circuit in which the export facility will be located
10 pursuant to an application described in subsection
11 (a) shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over
12 any civil action for the review of—

13 (A) an order issued by the Secretary with
14 respect to the application; or

15 (B) the failure of the Secretary to issue a
16 decision on the application.

17 (2) ORDER.—If the Court in a civil action de-
18 scribed in paragraph (1) finds that the Secretary
19 has failed to issue a decision on the application as
20 required under subsection (a), the Court shall order
21 the Secretary to issue the decision not later than 30
22 days after the order of the Court.

23 (3) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—The Court
24 shall—

1 (A) set any civil action brought under this
2 subsection for expedited consideration; and

3 (B) set the matter on the docket as soon
4 as practicable after the filing date of the initial
5 pleading.

6 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF EXPORT DESTINATIONS.**

7 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL
10 GAS EXPORT DESTINATIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any author-
12 ization to export liquefied natural gas, the Secretary
13 of Energy shall require the applicant to report to the
14 Secretary of Energy the names of the one or more
15 countries of destination to which the exported lique-
16 fied natural gas is delivered.

17 “(2) TIMING.—The applicant shall file the re-
18 port required under paragraph (1) not later than—

19 “(A) in the case of the first export, the
20 last day of the month following the month of
21 the first export; and

22 “(B) in the case of subsequent exports, the
23 date that is 30 days after the last day of the
24 applicable month concerning the activity of the
25 previous month.

1 “(3) DISCLOSURE.—The Secretary of Energy
2 shall publish the information reported under this
3 subsection on the website of the Department of En-
4 ergy and otherwise make the information available
5 to the public.”.

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