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## AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909

### OFFERED BY MR. BRIDENSTINE OF OKLAHOMA

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 10** . **LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANS-**  
2 **PARENCY.**

3 (a) **ACTION ON APPLICATIONS.—**

4 (1) **DECISION DEADLINE.—**For proposals that  
5 must also obtain authorization from the Federal En-  
6 ergy Regulatory Commission or the United States  
7 Maritime Administration to site, construct, expand,  
8 or operate LNG export facilities, the Department of  
9 Energy shall issue a final decision on any applica-  
10 tion for the authorization to export natural gas  
11 under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.  
12 717b) not later than 30 days after the later of—

13 (A) the conclusion of the review to site,  
14 construct, expand, or operate the LNG facilities  
15 required by the National Environmental Policy  
16 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); or

17 (B) the date of enactment of this Act.

18 (2) **CONCLUSION OF REVIEW.—**For purposes of  
19 paragraph (1), review required by the National En-

1        vironmental Policy Act of 1969 shall be considered  
2        concluded—

3                (A) for a project requiring an Environ-  
4                mental Impact Statement, 30 days after publi-  
5                cation of a Final Environmental Impact State-  
6                ment;

7                (B) for a project for which an Environ-  
8                mental Assessment has been prepared, 30 days  
9                after publication by the Department of Energy  
10              of a Finding of No Significant Impact; and

11              (C) upon a determination by the lead agen-  
12              cy that an application is eligible for a categor-  
13              ical exclusion pursuant National Environmental  
14              Policy Act of 1969 implementing regulations.

15              (3) JUDICIAL ACTION.—(A) The United States  
16              Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the export  
17              facility will be located pursuant to an application de-  
18              scribed in paragraph (1) shall have original jurisdic-  
19              tion over any civil action for the review of—

20              (i) an order issued by the Department of  
21              Energy with respect to such application; or

22              (ii) the Department of Energy's failure to  
23              issue a final decision on such application.

24              (B) If the Court in a civil action described in  
25              subparagraph (A) finds that the Department of En-

1       ergy has failed to issue a final decision on the appli-  
2       cation as required under paragraph (1), the Court  
3       shall order the Department of Energy to issue such  
4       final decision not later than 30 days after the  
5       Court's order.

6               (C) The Court shall set any civil action brought  
7       under this paragraph for expedited consideration  
8       and shall set the matter on the docket as soon as  
9       practical after the filing date of the initial pleading.

10       (b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF EXPORT DESTINA-  
11       TIONS.—Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.  
12       717b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13               “(g) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LNG EXPORT DES-  
14       TINATIONS.—As a condition for approval of any authoriza-  
15       tion to export LNG, the Secretary of Energy shall require  
16       the applicant to publicly disclose the specific destination  
17       or destinations of any such authorized LNG exports.”.

