

Committee on Energy and Commerce  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: <u>Bill Cooper</u>		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing: <u>The Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG)</u>		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2011: <u>n/a</u>		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing: <u>President of CLNG</u>		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
8. If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2011, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed: <u>n/a</u>		
9. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature:

Date: 6/14/13

## Bill Cooper

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### President for the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG):

- Issue advocacy before the Congress, Executive branch officials, and Federal agencies on energy matters, particularly liquefied natural gas (LNG). Provide legislative and regulatory analysis and alternative solutions to regulations, statutes, and bills before the Congress.
- Develop and implement the communications strategy for the organization. Supervise the preparation and distribution of informational materials, both print and video, about LNG and its importance to the nation.
- Establish and implement the vision and strategic goals for CLNG, including all aspects of the administration of the organization.
- Responsible for outreach to various organizations to assist in the furtherance of the organization's goals.
- Frequent speaker on LNG issues.

### Counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce:

- Drafted legislation and assisted members of Congress with briefings, hearings, and markups, as well as constituent services, with emphasis on domestic and international energy issues, particularly oil and gas.
- A drafter of and lead negotiator for the bipartisan Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002. Lead negotiator for the House on several provisions of H.R. 4, the comprehensive energy bill, in conference with the Senate in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress. Drafted several provisions of H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2003, and was lead negotiator for the House on several provisions in conference with the Senate in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. Lead House negotiator for the passage of the Norman Y. Mineta Research & Special Programs Improvement Act in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. Lead staffer for the Speaker's Task Force for Affordable Natural Gas, which held field meetings across the country to focus on the critical need for more natural gas supply during the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. Frequent speaker on energy issues.

### Legal (private practice) experience:

- Counsel for a natural gas utility company, providing legal support for all areas of the company's business. Participated in sensitive planning and strategy meetings, provided input for long-range initiatives of the company, assisted in compliance with regulatory requirements, and made decisions concerning the validity of third-party claims of ownership for natural gas sold to the company. Developed various

policies concerning purchases, customer relations, alcohol misuse, anti-drug plans, and employee relations. Represented the company in several bond issuances. Negotiated and drafted contracts to buy, sell, and transport natural gas from wells, storage, and interstate pipelines.

- Practiced law, serving clients in oil and gas exploration, development, production, including natural gas gathering, transmission, and distribution, provided counsel in the development of litigation, acquisition, and divestment strategies, personnel policies, regulatory compliance, and long-range initiatives.

Other experience:

- Conducted due diligence for oil and gas exploration companies for acquisitions, divestitures, and litigation. Supervised survey crews, independent contractor drilling crews, well stimulation, geophysical, and completion crews for oil and gas wells. Prepared budgets and managed expenditures of all funds for the execution of drilling programs.
- Organized campaign teams for state representative candidacies by raising money, hiring staff, supervising administration, creating and implementing media advertising, supervising phone banks, overseeing compliance with state election laws, organizing events, and implementing voter contact.

**Membership**

- Member, Tennessee State Bar
- Member, District of Columbia Bar
- Admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
- Admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit

**Education**

- J.D., University of Tennessee
- A.B., Wabash College, Economics