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FERC'S DECEMBER 18, 2025 PJM CO-LOCATED LOAD ORDER THREATENS COMPETITIVENESS OF MANUFACTURING SELF-GENERATION

WASHINGTON, DC – On December 18, 2025, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America sent [comments](#) to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding its order on co-located load, that finds the PJM existing netting rules for Behind the Meter Generation (BTMG) are unjust and unreasonable and ordered PJM to develop new services as a replacement. While FERC's Order directed a threshold below which retail BTMG would be exempt, it set that for a paper hearing. For manufacturers with on-site generation, FERC's new policy would make on-site generation uneconomic and create heightened risks of temporary and permanent manufacturing facility closures.

Paul N. Cicio, President of IECA, made the following statement:

Manufacturers with BTMG in PJM states, face adverse financial consequences to FERC's Co-Location Order at a time when more, not less dispatchable generation is needed for reliability. FERC's order seeks to charge for gross load/demand instead of allowing a manufacturer's load served by BTMG to be "netted out" from total billing charges as it has been done historically which substantially increases costs. IECA's "Request for Clarification or Rehearing" urges FERC to clarify that Qualifying Facilities (QFs) and retail BTMG below 200 MWs are not subjected to the abrupt changes in retail BTMG rules.

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.3 trillion in annual sales, over 12,000 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.9 million employees. One hundred percent of IECA members are manufacturing companies whose competitiveness is largely determined by the cost and reliability of natural gas and electricity. IECA's sole mission is to reduce and avoid energy costs and increase energy reliability through advocacy in Congress and regulatory agencies, such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including chemicals, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, building products, automotive, independent oil refining, and cement.