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44 NATURAL GAS PIPELINES REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS TO REDUCE/CURTAIL USE OF NATURAL GAS DUE TO INADEQUATE PIPELINE CAPACITY

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) [sent a letter](#)¹²³ to Congress urging them to quickly advance energy permitting legislation to expedite natural gas pipeline capacity. When there is inadequate pipeline capacity, manufacturing companies are always the first to be curtailed at significant costs.

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

The manufacturing sector's economic growth has never before faced such a growing crisis as we are faced with today, due to inadequate natural gas pipeline capacity. The recent protracted cold weather has once again shown the fragility of our nation's natural gas system as 44 pipelines from across the country issued operational flow orders (OFOs) or curtailment notices to manufacturing companies requiring them to reduce demand in order to service the needs of homeowners, power companies, and LNG exports.

Curtailment can cost millions of dollars per day, disrupt operations, damage equipment, and impact supply chains for consumer, industrial, and national defense products.

The manufacturing sector is especially vulnerable along the entire East Coast from Georgia to New York. There is zero availability of firm natural gas pipeline transportation that is needed to expand existing facilities or invest in new ones.

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. IECA

¹ House Committee on Energy and Commerce letter, https://www.ieca-us.org/wp-content/uploads/02.06.25_Pipeline-Capacity-Shortage_EC.pdf

² Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works letter, https://www.ieca-us.org/wp-content/uploads/02.06.25_Pipeline-Capacity-Shortage_EPW.pdf

³ House Committee on Natural Resources letter, https://www.ieca-us.org/wp-content/uploads/02.06.25_Pipeline-Capacity-Shortage_NR.pdf

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.