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The Honorable Joe Manchin, III
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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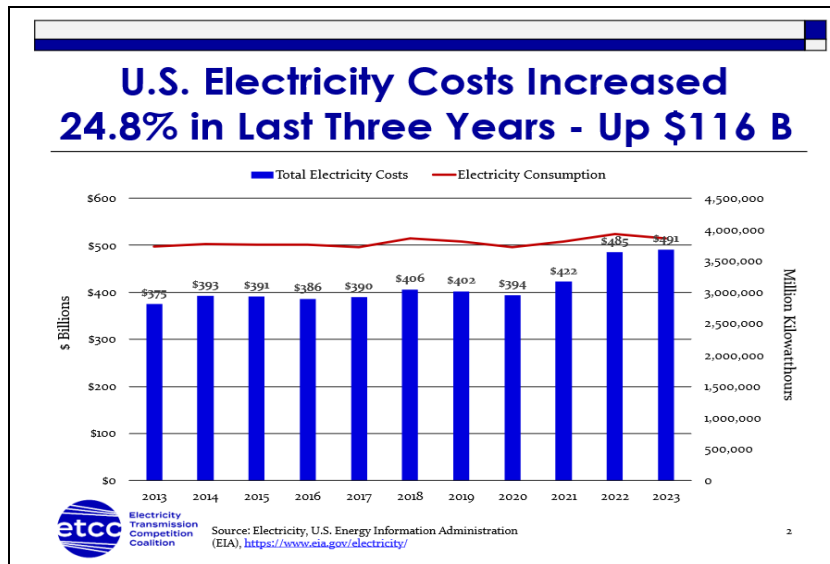
Re: Comments for the Record on "Hearing to Consider Nominations to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission"

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

Consumers have two important questions for each nominee to answer:

Q1: U.S. electricity costs have increased by \$116 billion or 24.8% in three years, while demand has been flat. What are you going to do to stop the escalation of electricity prices?

Q2: Will you support competitive bidding of new transmission projects that are 100 kV or greater to reduce costs to consumers?



Sincerely,

Paul Cicio
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President & CEO

cc: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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