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IECA URGES SENATE TO SWIFTLY CONFIRM FERC COMMISSIONERS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) [sent a letter](#) to Senate leadership today urging swift confirmation of the candidates approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to fill current vacancies at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

Of high importance to manufacturing companies is the need for increased natural gas pipeline capacity. When there is inadequate pipeline capacity, manufacturing companies are the first to be curtailed. And that is happening across the country. Increased natural gas pipeline capacity is needed to reshore, invest and increase jobs. It is especially acute along the entire East Coast of the U.S.

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 worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. 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.