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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United State Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Schumer and McConnell:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) and its member companies, who depend on regulatory decisions relating to energy infrastructure and markets, we write to request swift confirmation of the candidates approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to fill current vacancies and another pending vacancy at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission).

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 Commission plays a critical role in making certain that energy is secure, reliable, and affordable through its oversight of the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas and oil. To fulfill this role, FERC must advance projects that modernize and expand America's energy infrastructure, spur economic growth, and realize our shared climate goals.

The agency best fulfills these duties when it has a full complement of five commissioners, who are committed to evaluating proposed projects on their merits, in accordance with federal law and established Commission precedent, to ensure timely deployment of critical energy projects.

At present, FERC is operating with three commissioners, the minimum to sustain a quorum, with the prospect of another seat becoming vacant in the coming weeks.

Recently, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee acted to address FERC's impending loss of quorum by favorably approving the nominations of David Rosner, Lindsay See and Judy Chang with bipartisan support. It is critical that the Senate quickly confirm the nominees to fill the vacant seats and the impending opening and return FERC to full complement. We ask that you schedule votes to confirm the nominees to be Commissioners at FERC as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to working with you on efforts to create an efficient, sustainable, and resilient energy system.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio  
*Paul N. Cicio*  
President & CEO

cc: U.S. Senate

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*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.*