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The Honorable Willie L. Phillips
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Consumers Urge FERC to Make Electricity Transmission Rates Transparent

Dear Chairman Phillips:

Transparency is an essential pillar to sound public policy and just and reasonable electricity rates. Despite this, transmission costs, which are a large and an increasing portion of electric rates of the U.S. consumer's electricity bill, are not accessible to the public. U.S. electricity transmission rates are not transparent to consumers.

It is for this reason that we are asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to collect and post a running summary of transmission rates across the country. We also request an annual summary. The rates should be posted such that the billing units (either \$/MW-year or \$/MW-day) are consistent across all transmission owners. We also request that FERC provide a trend analysis accompanying the posting.

Our understanding is that FERC has access to all transmission rates via the annual informational updates that transmission owners file pursuant to their formula transmission rates.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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cc: FERC Commissioners

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Nicole Sitaraman, Director, Office of Public Participation

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