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IECA SUPPORTS PASSAGE OF "AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 9340" TO THE RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT

WASHINGTON, DC – On behalf of the member companies of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America, we support the "Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 9340" to the Ratepayer Protection Act and urge its passage.

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

> The Amendment correctly defines "large load" as businesses that "operate information technology infra-structure and related systems pertaining to data storage and computational applications and services; and have, in the aggregate, a peak electric demand of 100 megawatts or more at a single site or campus." The definition correctly defines data centers and it properly excludes manufacturing companies.
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> Manufacturing demand and how we operate do not increase costs to other ratepayers nor do our operations impact the reliability of the grid. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), in the last ten years U.S. manufacturing electricity demand increased by only 0.067 percent while gross output increased by 32.2 percent.[1] A tremendous success story. Because we face extreme competition, we are price sensitive and drive down the use of electricity and that is not going to change in the future.

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 (FERC). 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.

[1] Manufacturing Electricity Demand is Flat, https://www.ieca-us.org/wp-content/uploads/Electricity-slide.pdf