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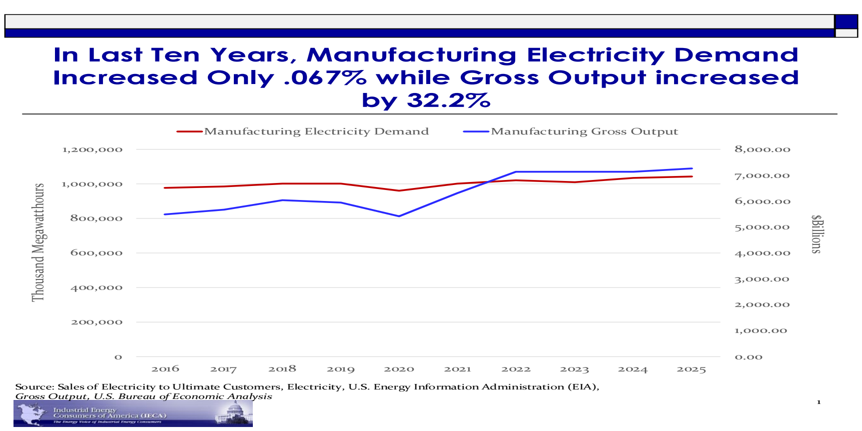
## MANUFACTURERS FILE FERC REQUEST FOR REHEARING AND CLARIFICATION ON PJM BEHIND-THE-METER GENERATION RULE TO PREVENT LOSS OF COMPETITIVENESS

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Industrial Energy Consumers of America filed a Request for Rehearing and Clarification on the PJM Behind the Meter Generation rule, Docket No. EL25-49, to prevent a loss of competitiveness.

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

The regulatory initiatives to address impacts by escalating data center electricity demand and reliability concerns are about to impact manufacturing competitiveness and U.S. supply chains, unless the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reconsiders its recent determinations that adversely impact manufacturers with on-site generation. Below, we make three vital points.

- Unlike data centers, manufacturing electricity demand has been flat and will remain so due to the nature of manufacturing. Because we are energy price sensitive and face competition, we drive down use of electricity demand.




- From the inception of PJM, neither manufacturing demand nor their on-site generation resources have been shown to cause any grid reliability issue. This is due to how manufacturing facilities operate. Our generation of power contributes to grid reliability.

- We also reduce costs to other ratepayers by engaging in demand response and peak shaving.

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